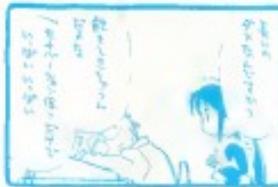


今回でこの4コマを終りに

もうすぐ絶叫



もうキヨイ...



おまけ
③ 中止マナ+ヒダルミ

わが...ちよとは お得意感あつ?

ラス前



最終回



機能停止。

MaiHOROMATIC

AUTOMATIC MAIDEN



8

ART BY SAWA BITAMI

STORY BY SHUN-ICHI HANAKAWA

MalloRomatic

AUTOMATIC MANDEH



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DATA BY RAY DITAMA STORY BY RUMJAHAD NAKHWAHA



IN THE WAKE OF THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S ASSASSINATION, THE VICE PRESIDENT FOLLOWS THROUGH WITH THE ADMINISTRATION'S PLANS TO REVEAL THE EXISTENCE OF ALIENS TO THE WORLD, THEREBY PITTING HUMANITY AGAINST WHAT THEY ALL NOW SEE AS THE ALIEN AGGRESSORS. THIS NEW ANTI-ALIEN LEADER BRAVES VESPER UNDER PRESSURE, AS THE ORGANIZATION IS LABELED A TRAITOR TO THE EARTH AND WHEN A DEELECTED ENERGY BEAM CRUSSES A CHAIN REACTION THAT THREATENS THE PLANET, ALL SIDES STAMPEDE TOWARD ALL-BUT INTERSTELLAR WAR BUT MANDORO AND SUBARU'S LOVE CONTINUES TO BLOSSOM EVEN AS HER IMMINENT SHUT DOWN AND THE WORLD'S IMMINENT DESTRUCTION LOOM ON THE HORIZON.





Passionate Mahoro



まほくまく
Mahouka Koukou no Rettousei

魔法少女まどか☆マギカ



MelloRomantic
AUTOMATIC MUSEUM

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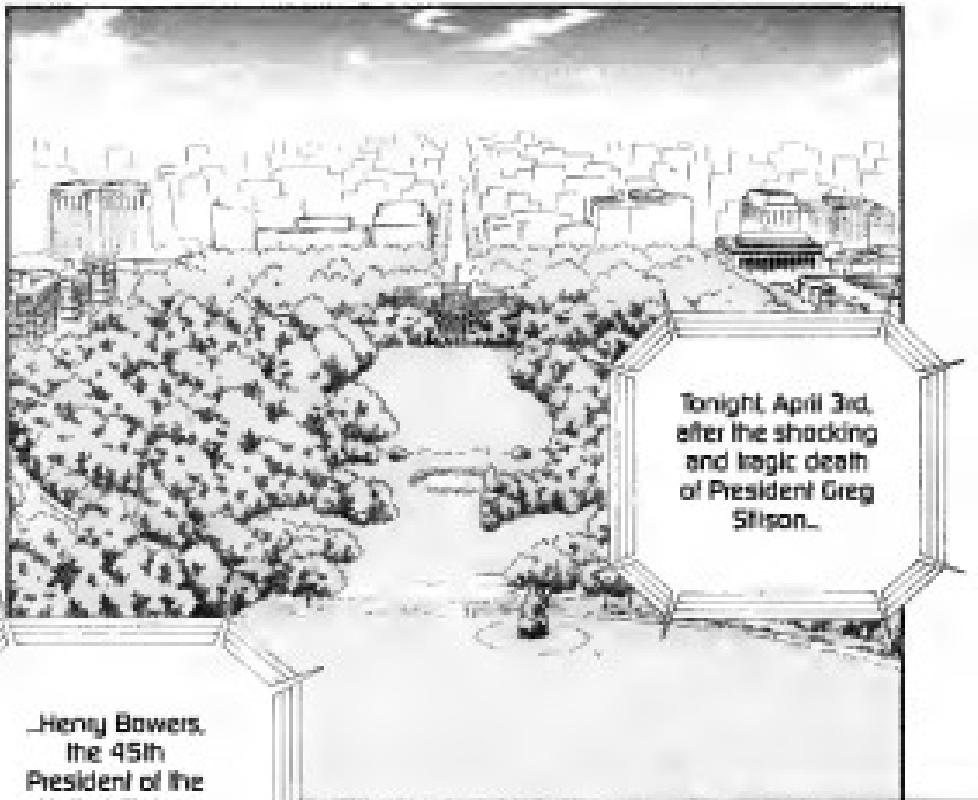
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Story thus far

The pretty MAHORO has arrived to become the maid of SUGURU MISATO, a junior high school student living alone. Also, his classmates and their homeroom teacher, Saori Shikijo, involve themselves, making every day a wild one! Furthermore, Mahoro-san is actually the mightiest COMBAT ANDROID of the anti-alien invasion organization, VESPEN! Suguru & Mahoro-san rescue a cyborg girl fleeing from the evil Earth organization, THE KEEPERERS. The girl without a home begins to live at the Suguru residence as Mahoro's little sister, "Minerva Andro," however... Minerva is secretly receiving orders from Professor Methris. Finally, to capture Mahoro, The Keeper Cyborg, Faldrance, captures Suguru & friends, holding them as hostages and telling Suguru that Mahoro killed his father. However, Suguru absorbs the truth and forgives Mahoro-san, and declares his love for her. As the final battle looms, Suguru decides to join Vesper to fight "The Keepers" but, as a result of power exhaustion, Mahoro-san's remaining operating time is minimal...



Matthew



Tonight, April 3rd,
after the shocking
and tragic death
of President Greg
Stinson...

Henry Bowers,
the 45th
President of the
United States,
was sworn into
office.



He is about to
make a statement
crucial to the
future of the
United States and
the world...



Fist, as leader of
this great nation...

...I must apologize to its people.



Since 1962...

This government has
covered up the fact that
we have made contact
with aliens.



These invaders
have alien
technology that
far surpasses our
own!

What is important now is
protecting ourselves, not
placing blame!



Time and time again, we have approached those aliens in peace, offered compromise...

For many years now, this government has attempted to negotiate a peace with the aliens.



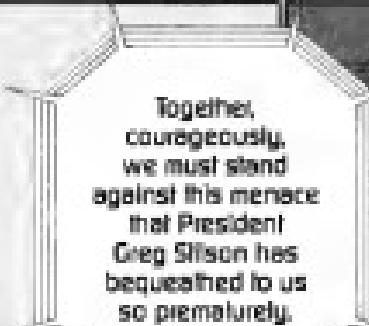
And yet the aliens...
...continue to plan for our destruction.



WE'LL SEE SOON ENOUGH.



WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS...?



Together, courageously, we must stand against this menace that President Greg Sifson has bequeathed to us so prematurely.



COMMANDER, IT'S TIME.

There are traitors among us...

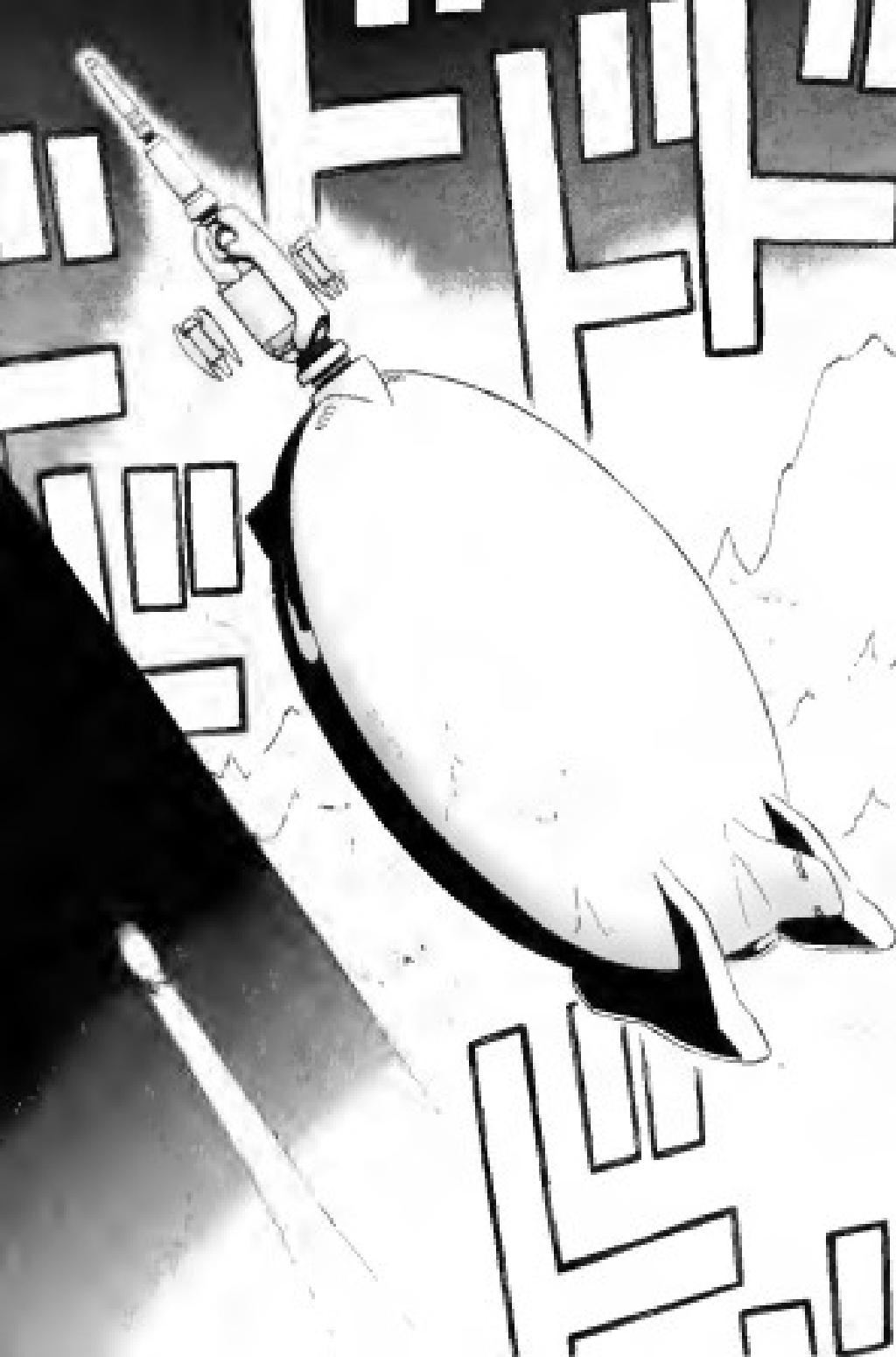
...who are in cahoots with the aliens

Sadly, the aliens are not our only enemies.

We will no longer fold our arms in apathy in the face of this threat...

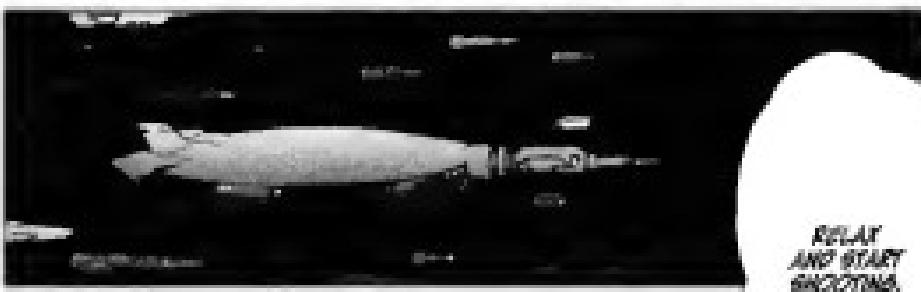
The time has come to demonstrate to these invaders that the people of Earth are not feeble.

It is time to unleash the "Earth Defense Force" we have assembled beneath the seas!



WE
ALL GOOD,
KANZAI-YAH?

THEY'RE
NOT GONNA
THROW US OUT
AN AIRLOCK
OR NOTHIN'.
RIGHT?



CALLED
BACK
TO FA
INFLUENCER
AT A TIME
LIES THIS.

HMM...

WE'LL BE
TAKING
A MINOR
DETOUR.

REMEMBER...

SAD BUT
DISTANT...

IT'S...

HEH?
CALLED
BACK?
WHERE?

SO THEN,
WHEN WILL
YOU BE
BAKED?



...THE ALIENS
PURPORTED
TO BE
INVADING
EARTH.

I AM A
COMBAT
ANDROID OF SAINT...





I'LL
BE
HERE.



OUR TARGET,
FAIRLISHA,
IS THE
ENEMY'S
MAIN BASE!
IT IS IRISHING
THE MOON!

ALL
SHIPS,
ADVANCE!



ALLOW
TIME TO
PLOW AND
CHOOSE
"DEATH"...

...OR
TURN TIME
BACK AND
CHOOSE
"LIFE."

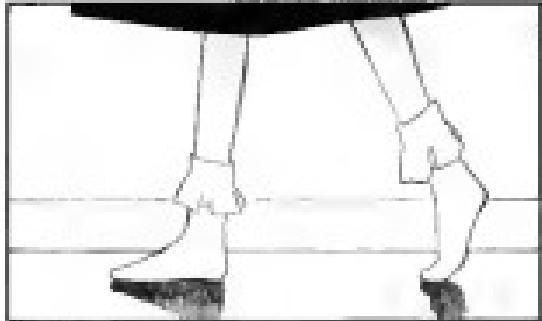
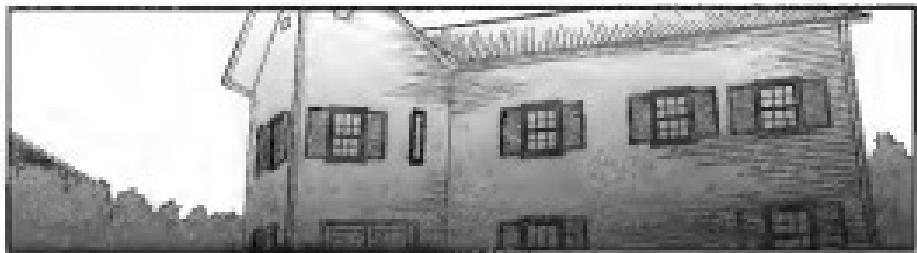




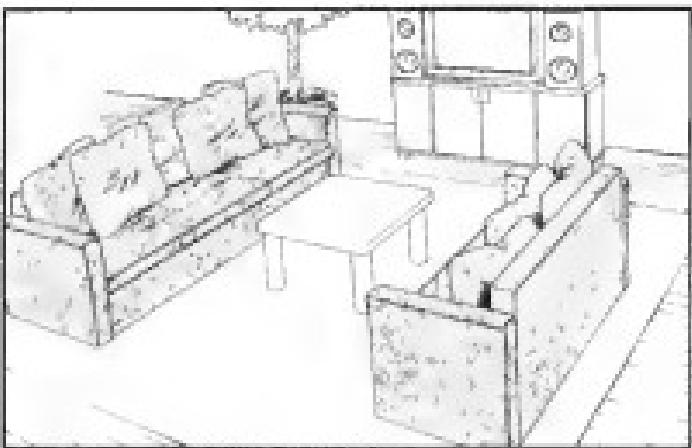




Day of Goodbyes





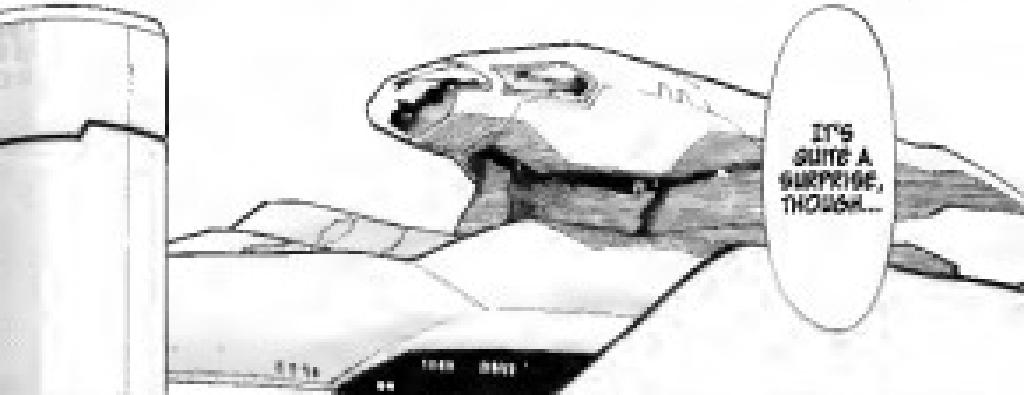
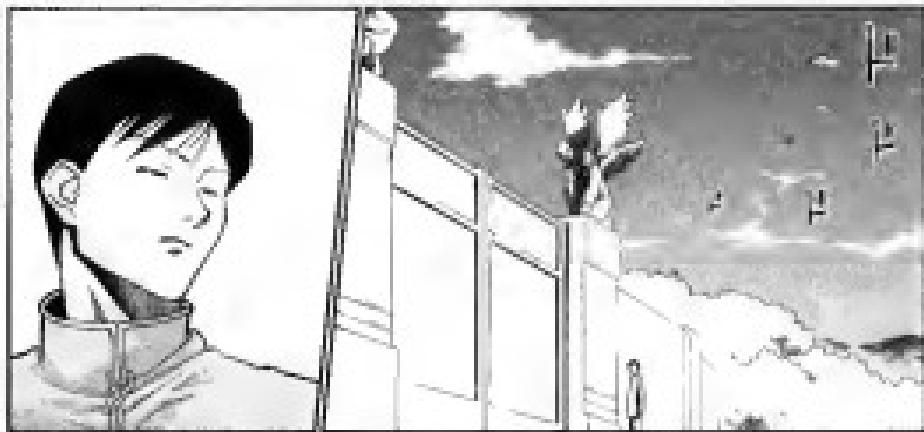
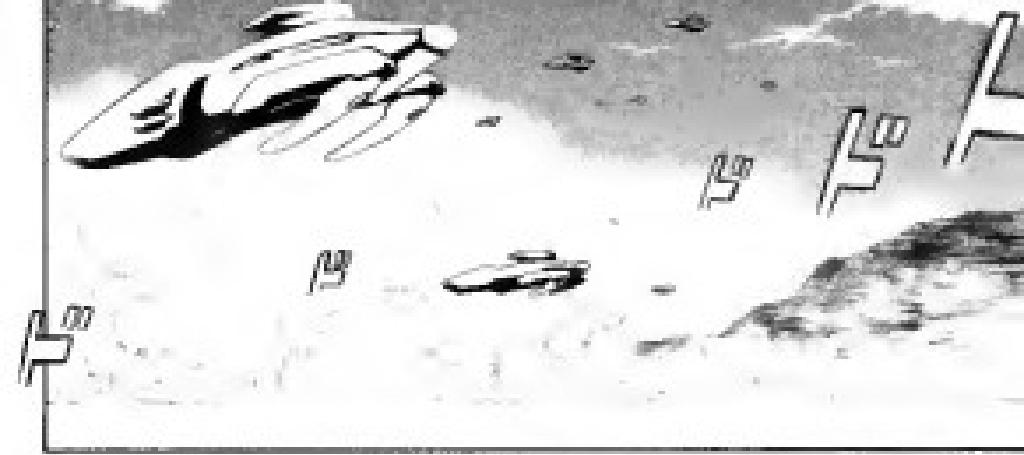






WE WERE SO
HAPPY HERE,
SO MANY
MEMORIES...





BUT I SEE
YOU DO AS
WELL.

I THOUGHT
MOTHERS
ALONE
WANTED
MANORO...

MUA...
WHAT IS?

ANY
SCIENTIST
WOULD
HAVE AN
INTEREST...

...IN A
WEAPON OF
MANORO'S
CAPABILITIES.

WE CANNOT
AFFORD TO
ASSUME ALL
WILL DO AS
EXPECTED.

...WE HAVE
MILITARY
TECHNOLOGY
EQUAL OR
SUPERIOR TO
SAINT AS
IT IS?

BUT
DOCTOR,
DIDN'T
YOU
THEORIZE
THAT...



PROFESSOR METABE... I SEE WHY YOU HATED HIM SO.

...I MUST CONSIDER ANOTHER OPTION.



OF COURSE, SHOULD YOU CAPTURE HER COMPLETELY INTACT, I WOULDNT MIND. I'M DEPENDING ON YOU, FEDORANNE

WHILE I DO NOT SHARE METABE'S OBSESSION WITH "THE NIGHTMARE HUMANOID WEAPON"...

I NEED ANY PIECE OF NANORO— A HAND, A FOOT... EVEN A SCREW.

DOCTOR,
I PREFER
"227."
PLEASE.

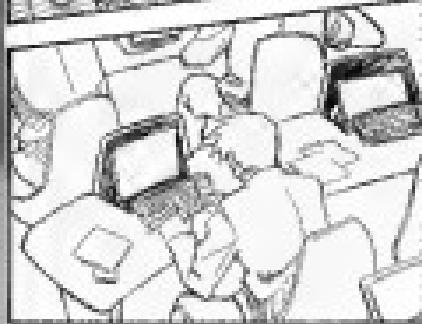
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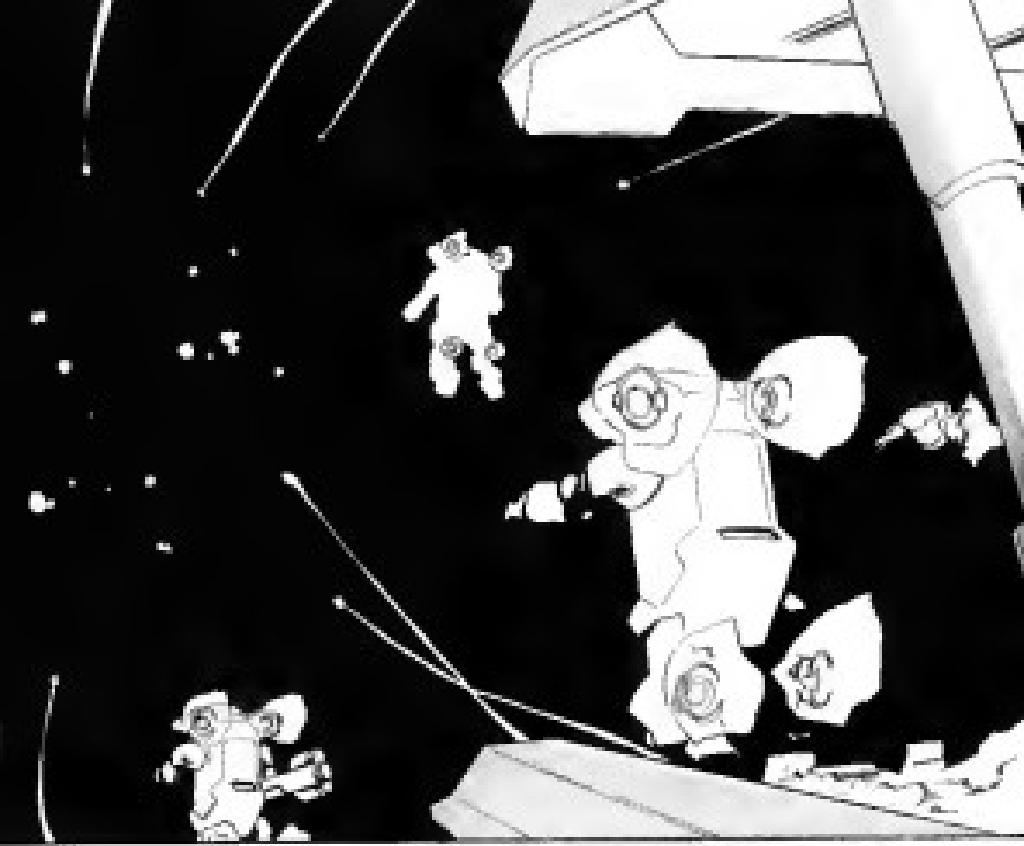


WE ARE
PREPARED
TO FIRE
ANTIMATTER
CANNONS
AS SOON AS
THE MOBILE
SQUADRONS ARE
LAUNCHED.

YOU THINK YOU
ALONE HAVE
ANTIMATTER
TECHNOLOGY?
PREPARE FOR
A SEVERE
LESSON.

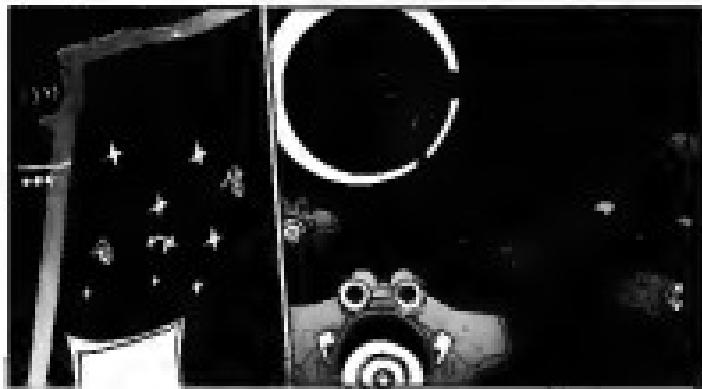
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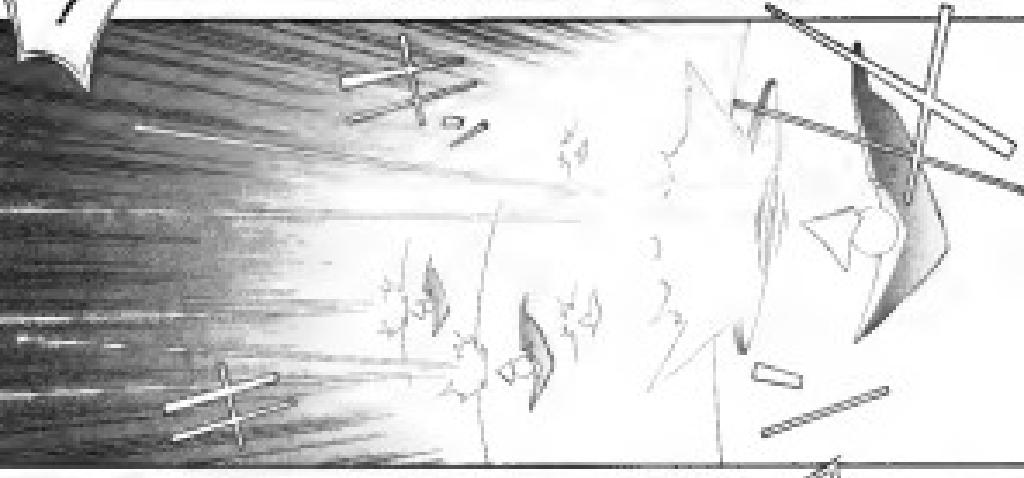
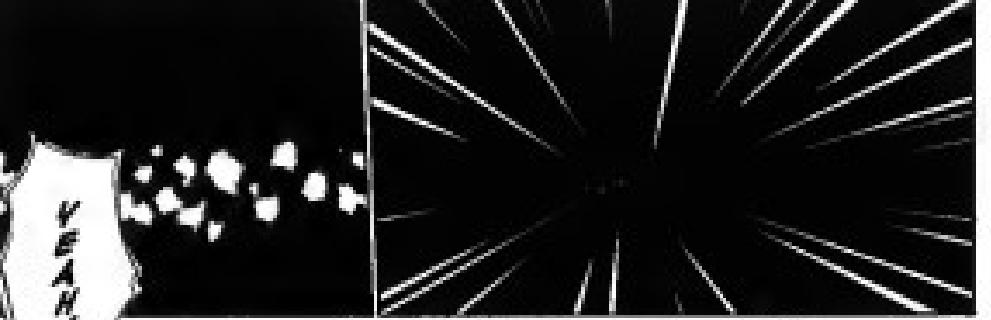




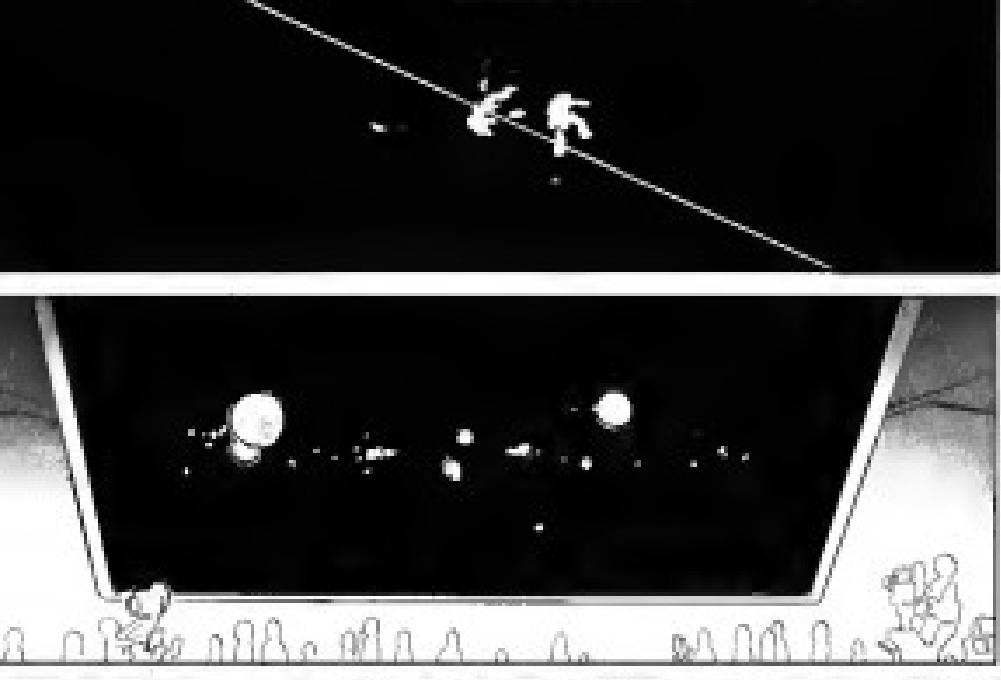


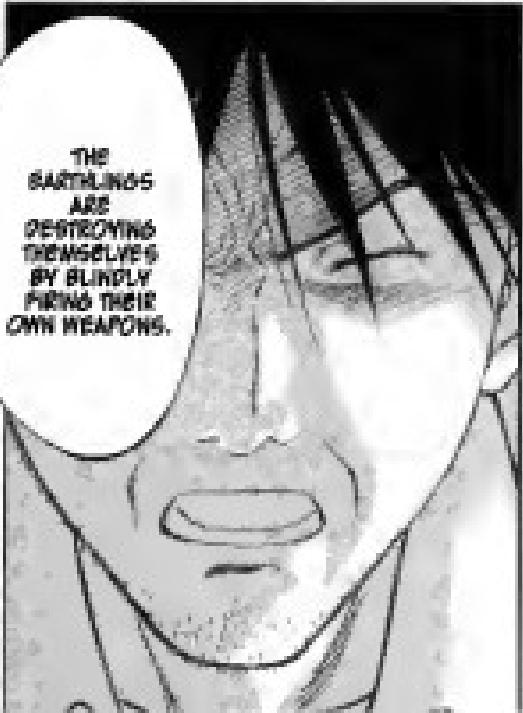
GREAT,
WHO'S THIS
MORON?

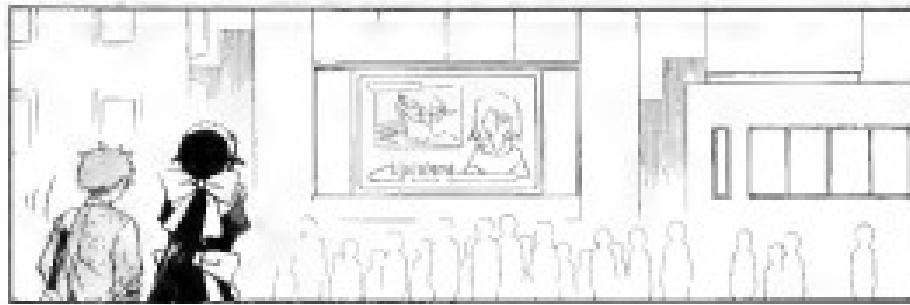
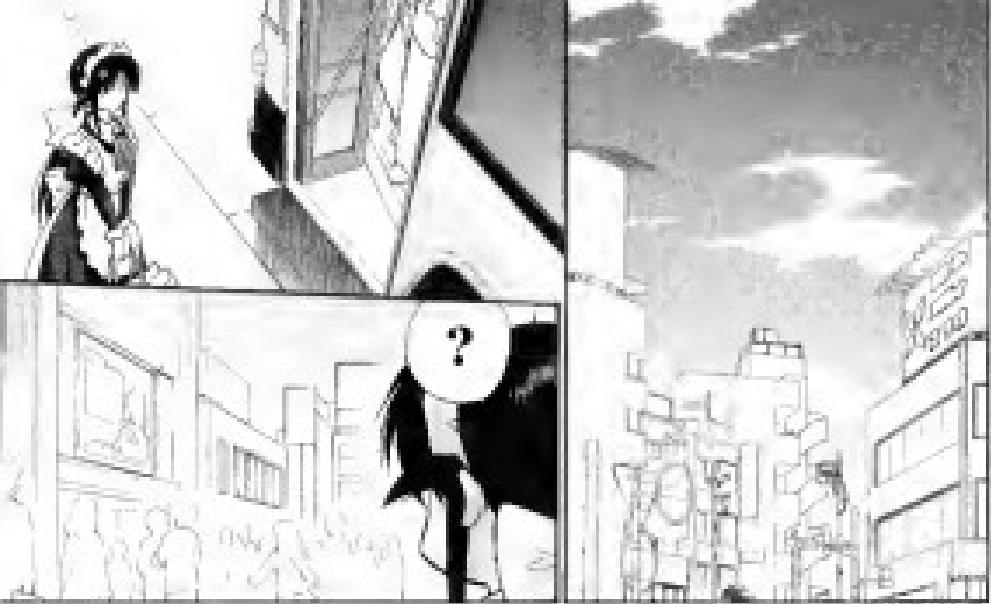








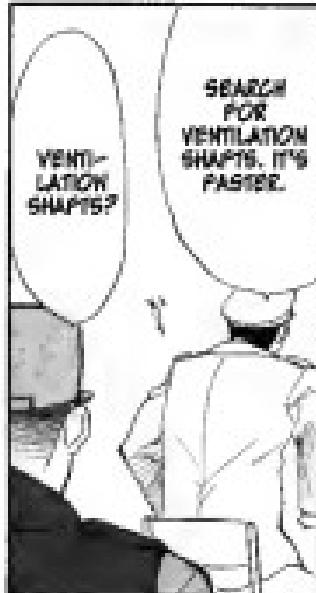
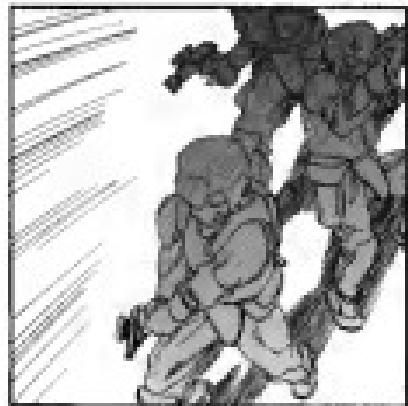




This just in:
Ebisu, Japan's
Kanoe Heavy
Industries HQ
building, is
being searched
by the Self-
Defense Force.

is suspected
of sabotage
and VIP
assassination
in league with
alien agents.

An organi-
zation
linked to
Kanoe,
known as
Vesper...







I'M SORRY,
BUT MY BODY
DOES NOT
EMPLOY ANY
SCREENS.

I AM TO TAKE
WHATEVER I
HAVE LEFT
OF YOU...
A SINGLE
SCREEN, EVEN.

NOW,
NOW, NO
NEED TO
POW.

WELL, FINE...
MY INTEREST
LIES WITH
SUGURI-KUN,
ANYHOW.

IT'S GONE
VIRTUALLY
UNNOTICED,
BUT I'M VERY
DAMAGED
SOPH.

FOR
EXAMPLE, I
FIND DELIGHT
IN HORROR.

ME, I
CAN'T
HELP BUT
SMILE.

I'VE BEEN
MORIFIED... NO,
WHAT'S THE WORD?
BEATASIZED INTO
BEING A HEARTLESS
WEAPON, SO I
FIND DELIGHT IN
EVERYTHING!

MY EYES
CANNOT
CONVEY
ANGER,
HATRED,
FEAR, OR
DESPAIR...

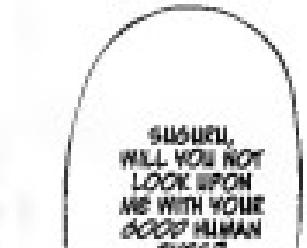
THAT IS WHY
I, WHO CAN'T
COMPREHEND
HUMAN
SUFFERING, AM
JEALOUS...



SO! YOU
WANT TO FIGHT
ME? THEY'RE
FAR LARGER
AND MORE
HEAVILY
ARMED THAN
BEFORE.



I DON'T WANT
TO FIGHT YOU,
NARUTO.
BUT ALL THIS
TALKING
IS GOING
NOWHERE.



SASUKE,
WILL YOU NOT
LOOK UPON
ME WITH YOUR
GOOD HUMAN
EYES?



YOU WILL
NEVER RAISE A
HAND AGAINST
SASUKE-SAN!



...OR LET
YOU GET
WHAT YOU
PLEASE!



WE'LL
FIGHT.

I WILL NOT
LET THE
KEEPERS
HAVE
NARUTO-SAN...



SLASH!

LEAVE
THIS TO
ME.

MANGA
BUNNY

...DIE MECHA

A WERE
SUPPORT
Mecha...
STANDING
IN MY WAY.
TSK TSK!







3

Bonds

SHOULD THEY
LEAVE THE
ANDROID
STALKER SPY
SATELLITE'S
RANGE, FINDING
THEM WILL BE
DIFFICULT.

I DON'T
THINK YOU
NEED TO
WORRY!

YOU
LOST
THEM
?!

SHE
CANNOT
FLY
AROUND
FOREVER.
NO...

...WE'LL
SETTLE THIS
ON THE
GROUND.

HER FLIGHT
RANGE,
CARRYING
A FLESH
AND BLOOD
HUMAN,
HAS TO BE
LIMITED...

MNC?

MARO
IS WITH
SHIGURU
MASATO
AFTER
ALL

SO HER
RANGE IS
LIMITED.

THIS
SEARCH
WILL BE
SHORT.

I
SEE...

?



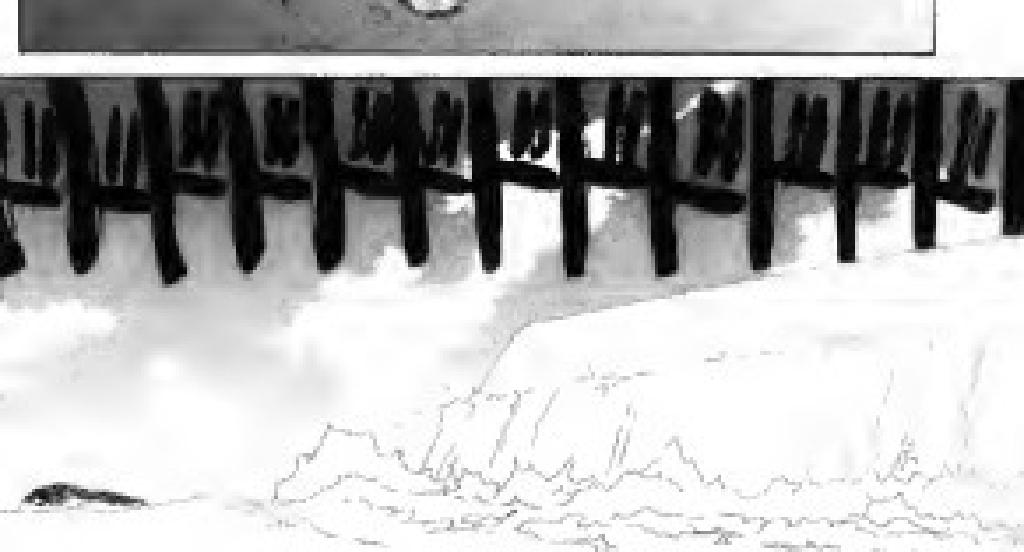
WHAT'S
THE
NEAREST
AIRSHIP?

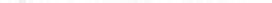
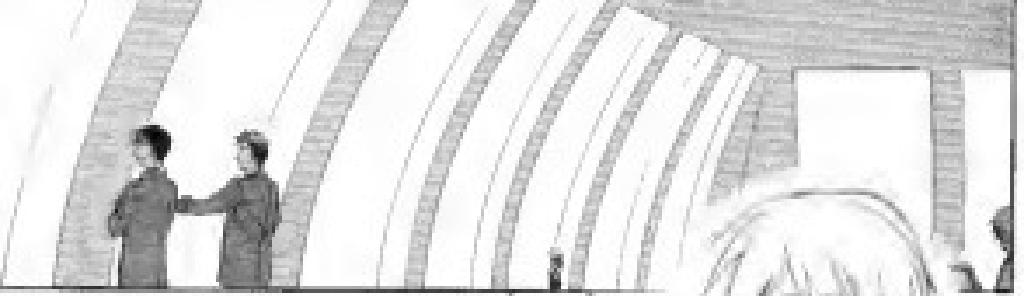
The "STAR
FISH" in
Ichikawa
airspace

...and
entered
combat

CODE: 162
has
sighted
V1046-
R over
Komakawa,
Chiba-ken...

THEY
MUST NOT
ESCAPE! WE
WILL ARRIVE
SHORTLY!





...WE BOTH
HAD TO
RETURN TO
OUR PAST.

TO CAST
OFF A
LIFETIME OF
PAIN.

TO REGAIN
THE
COURAGE
TO STEP
TOWARD
THE
FUTURE...

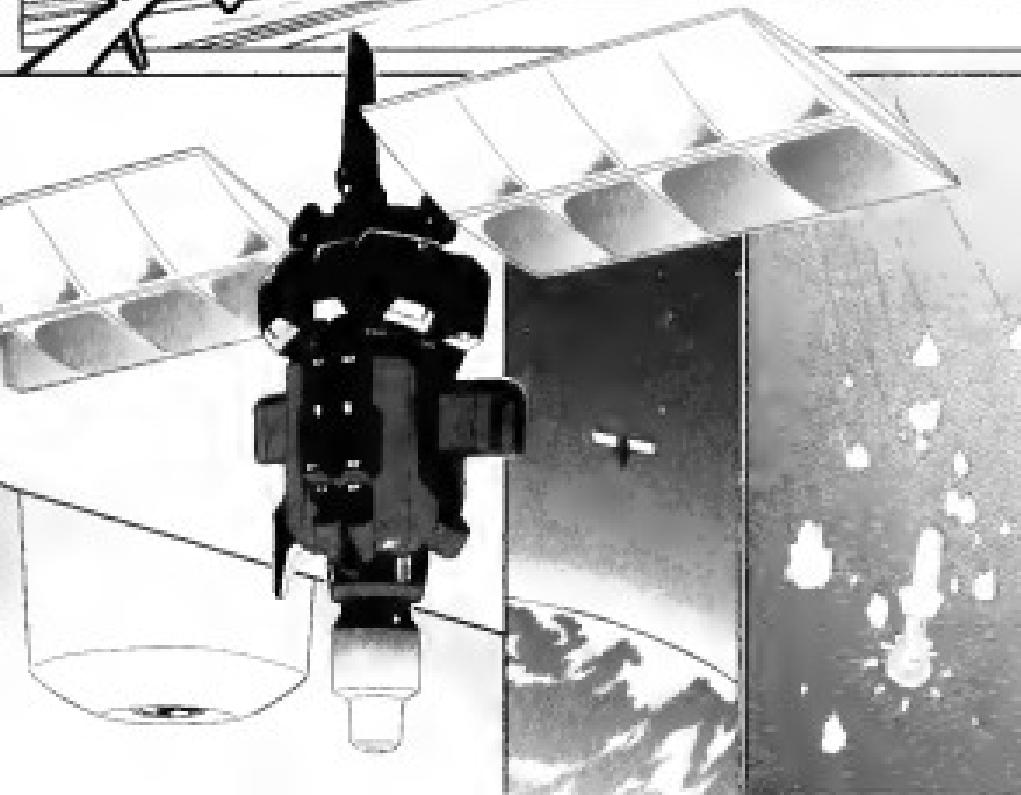
THAT IS
WHY WE
MUST GO
THERE...



WESPER IS
DESPERATE AS
WELL... IF THEY
DO NOT WIPE
US OFF THE
BOARD, THEIR
ORGANIZATION
CANNOT SURVIVE.

THIS
IS THE
FINAL
BATTLE...

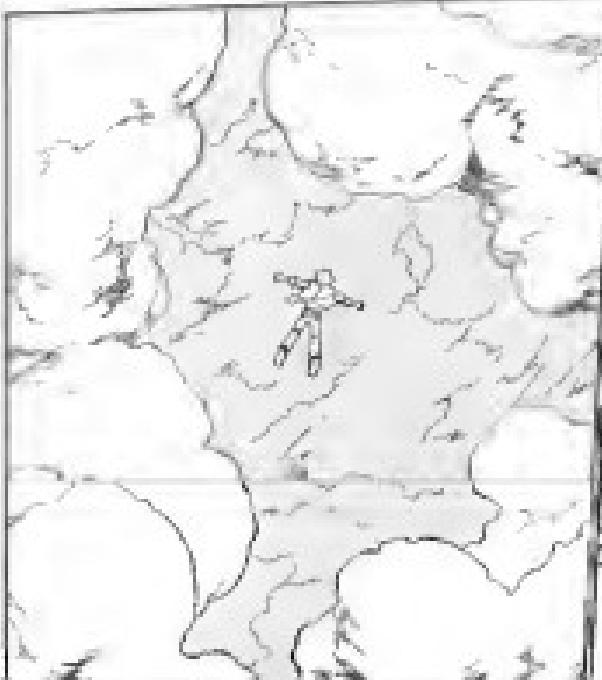












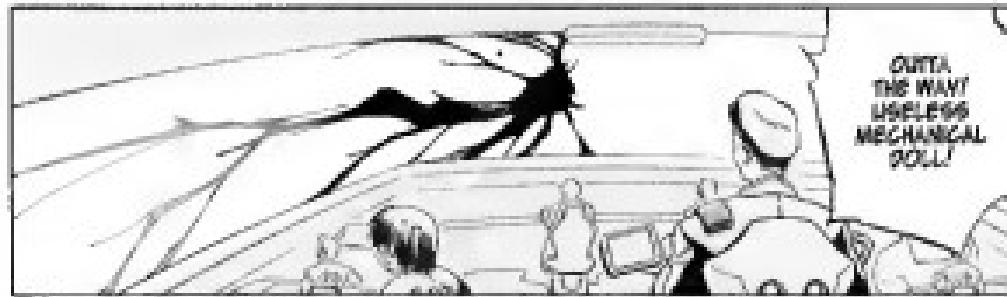


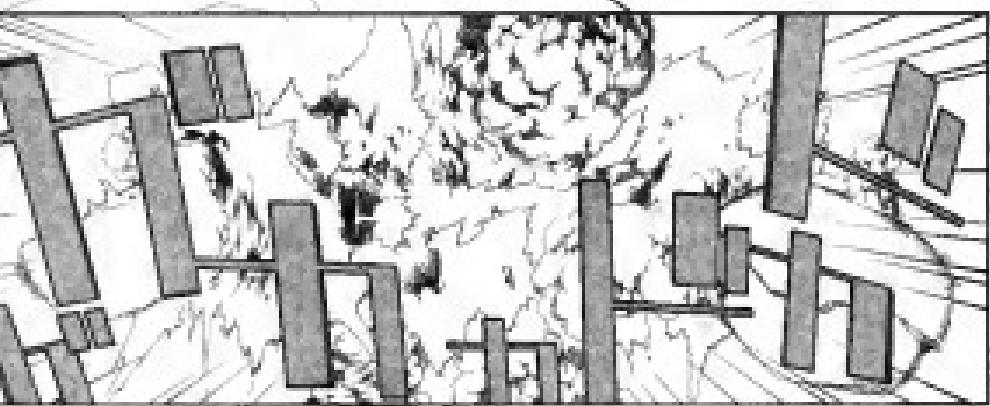
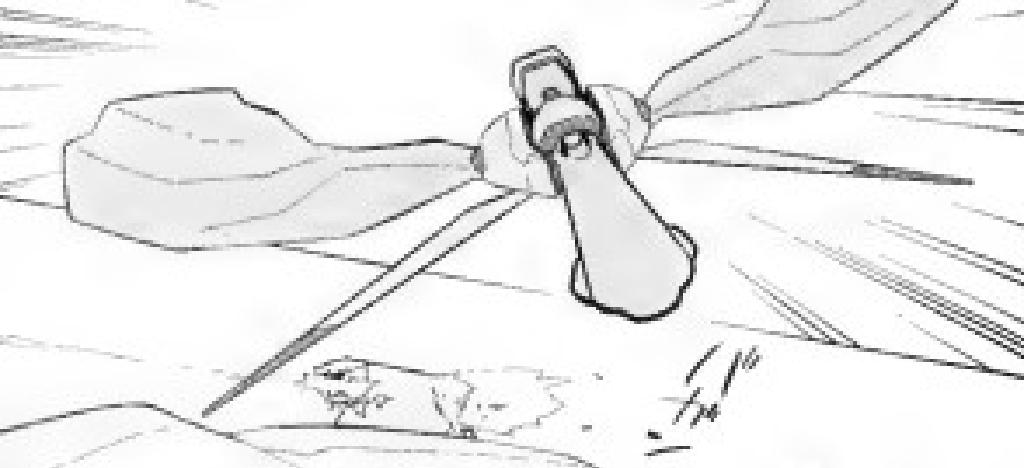


WELCOME
BACK,
MAMORO-
SAN.

I'M BACK,
SUGIMOTO-
SAN.









I HAVE
NO MORE
SUPPORT
MUCHA TO
CALL ON.

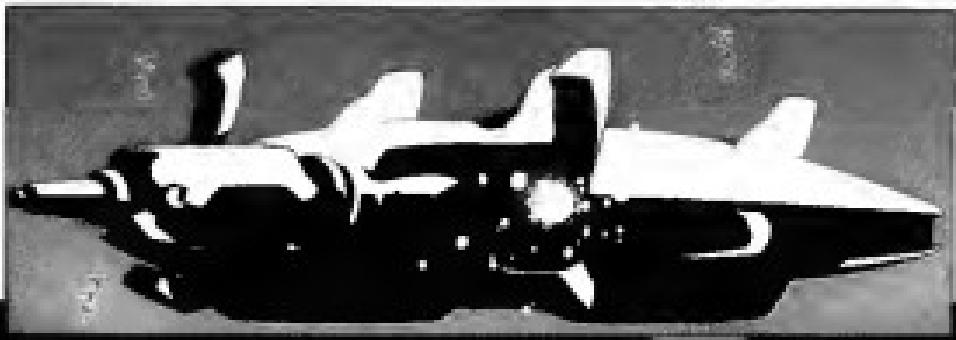
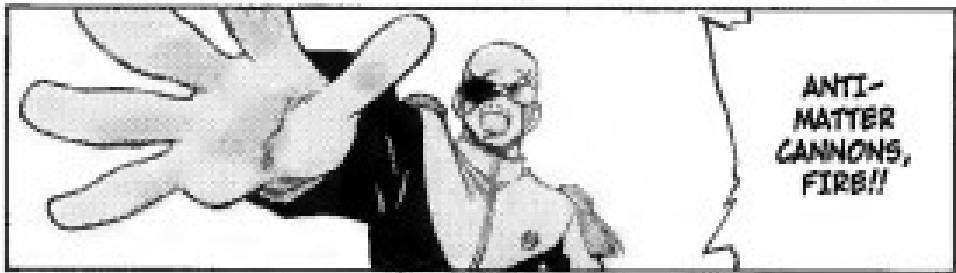
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NOW...



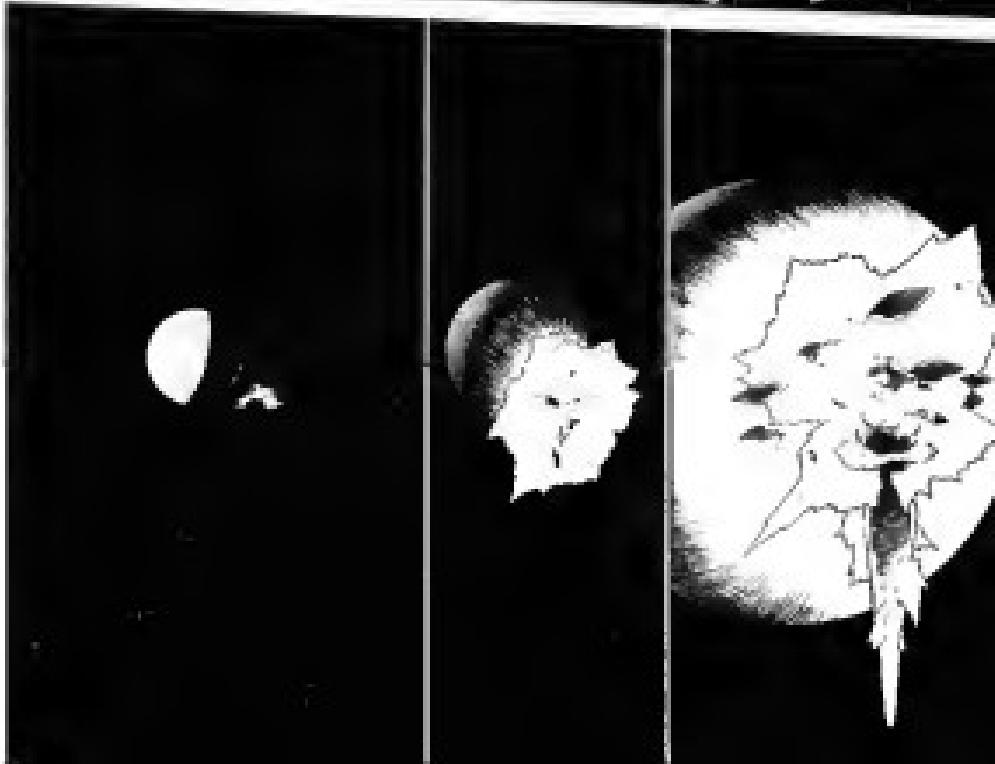
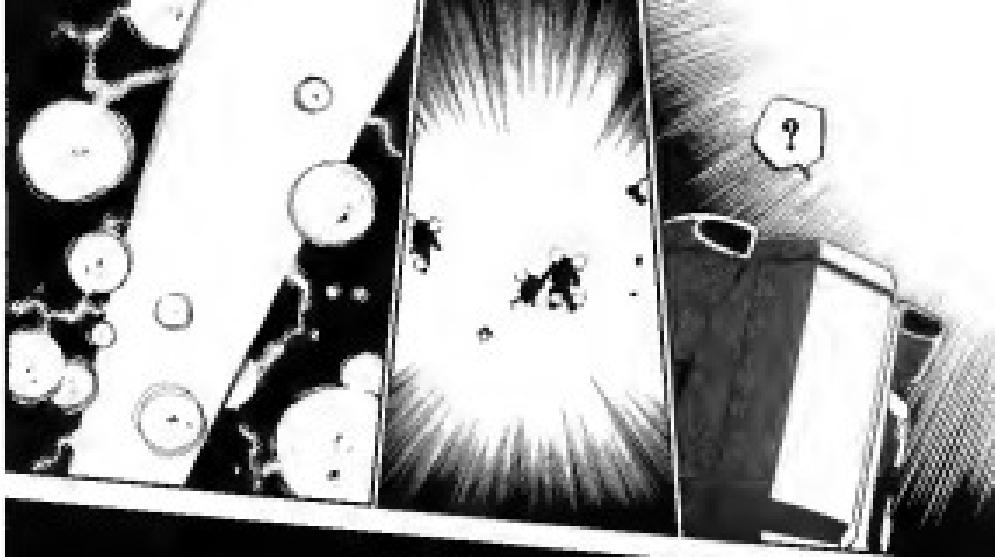


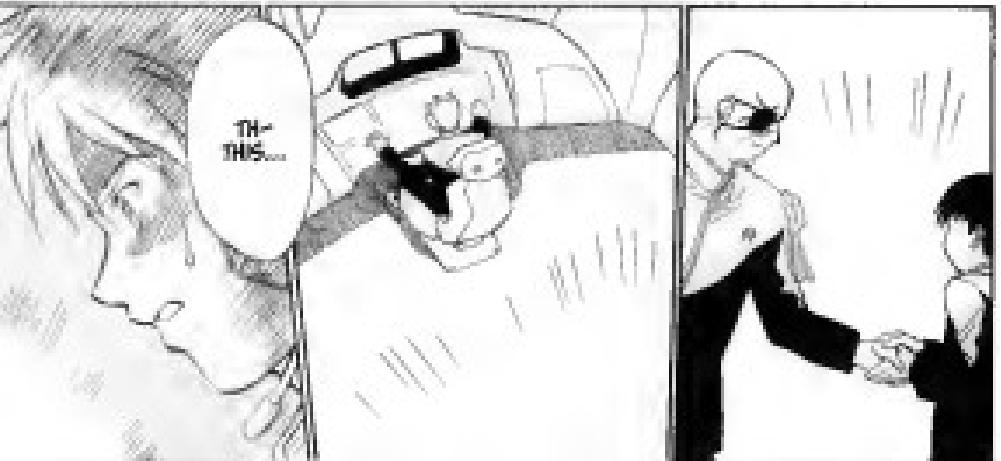
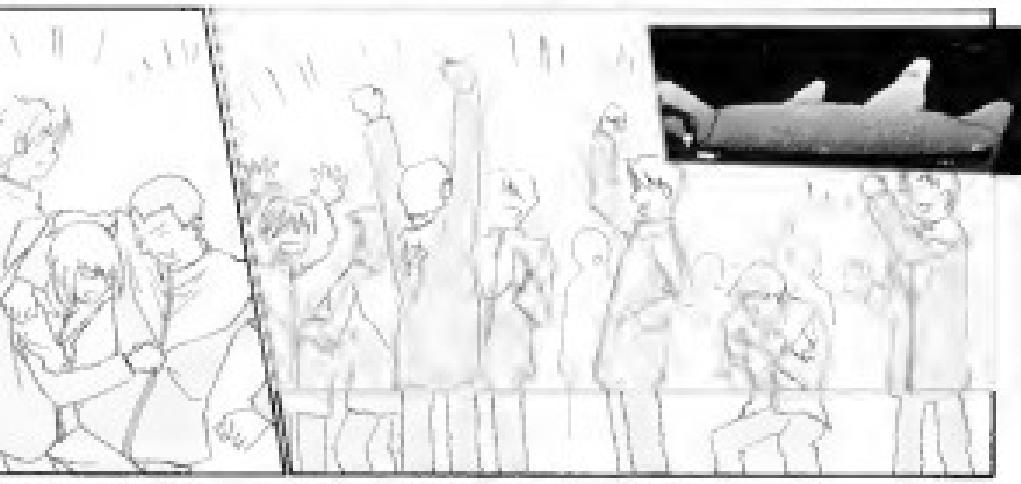
CLINK

THEY'RE
REFLECTING
OUR
ATTACKS
BACK...





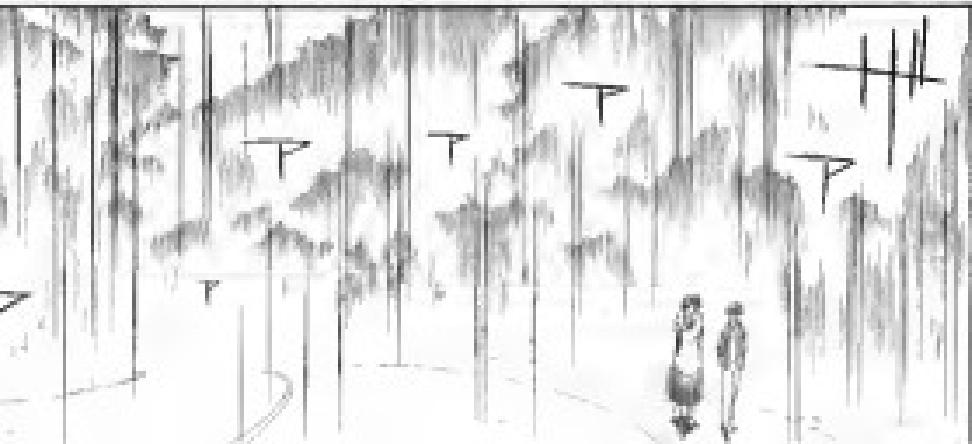


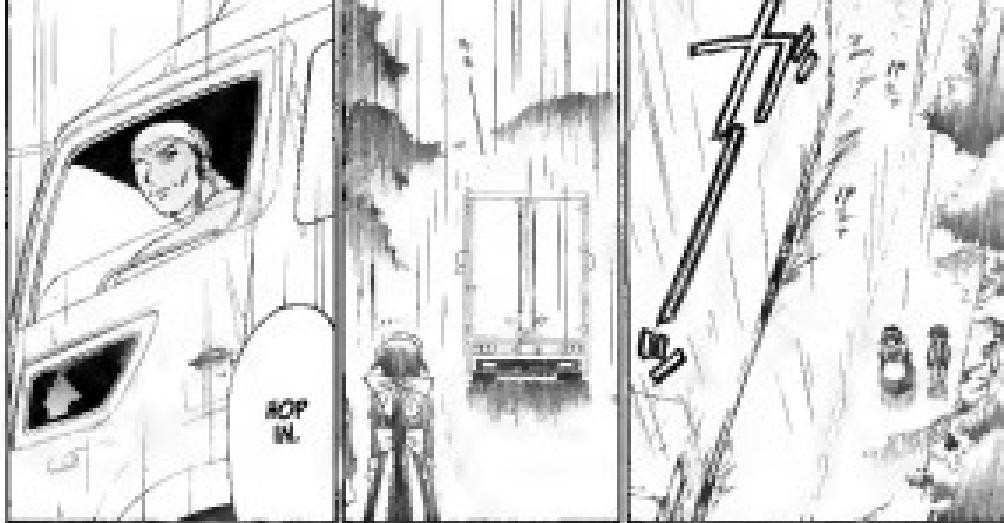


COMM-
ANDER!

SOMETHING'S
TO THE
REAR OF FA
BELSHEA...
IT'S
ENORMOUS!







Milromatic

Automatic Milking



THE
EXTERIOR
SECTION
IS 1219
KM TALL,
773 KM
WIDE.

WHAT
APPEARS
TO BE THE
REAL FA
BELSIA...

THE
PLANET-LIKE
PRESUMED
RESIDENTIAL
SECTION HAS
A RADIUS OF
982 KM

THE CORE
ALONE IS
ROUGHLY A
THIRD THE
SIZE OF THE
MOON.

3
4
B

Countdown

WHY
DIDN'T
WE SEE
SUCH AN
ENORMOUS
SOLDIER
UNTIL NOW?

AND HOW CAN
SOMETHING
AS LARGE AS
THAT HAVE NO
GRAVITATIONAL
EFFECT ON
EARTH?

ALL SHIPS
WITH ANTI-
MATTER
CANNONS,
PREPARE TO
FIRE!

DEPLOY IN
CROSS-
FORMATION.

THAT
IS
NOT
SO.

Scared,
aren't you?

Please
reconsider
before
you do
something
reckless.

The enemy
fortress'
mass is far
beyond
anything
we
imagined.

HOWEVER, THE
OVERWHELMING
VICTORY WE
FORSAKAN
IS NOT
MATURALIZING...

WHAT
IS IT,
CAPTAIN
BALDWIN?

Com-
mander
Dexel



ARE SIMPLY
THE THINGS
SAINT
ALLOWED US
TO HAVE...
WHAT THEN?

BUT IF WHAT
WE THINK
OF AS OUR
ACHIEVEMENTS...

...WHICH
RESULTED IN THE
CONSTRUCTION
OF HIGHLY
DESTRUCTIVE
WEAPONS
THAT HUMANITY
COULD NOT
HAVE OBTAINED
OTHERWISE.

WE CAPTURED
ALIEN
WEAPONS
TO STUDY...

IF WHAT
YOU'RE
SAYING IS
CORRECT,
SIR...

...ARE THE
EQUIVALENT
OF ANTIQUATED
PLINTLOCK
MUSKETS TO
SAINT, THEN...

IF, THE MANY
WEAPONS
WE'VE
OBTAINED...

...AND
CHARGING
STRAIGHT AT
TANKS...

THEN
WHAT
WE'RE
DOING...

...IS
TAKING
SMALL
ARMED...

Presently
3.7% charged.

HOW MUCH TIME UNTIL
THE SPARKING ARROW CAN
FIRE AGAIN?

THE
VESPER
SHIP?

Minimum
25% charge
will require 7 minutes.

Maximum
100% charge will
require 25 minutes.

SUB-
MERSED,
IT SEEEMS.

AGAINST A
SINGLE SHIP,
25% POWER IS ENOUGH.

ORDER THE
SUBMARINE UNIT
TO DRIVE THEM
TO THE SURFACE.

REV.

PHW...
THAT WAS
A CLOSE ONE...





I CAN
SAVE
EVERYONE...

NO MATTER
HOW SLIM,
IF THERE'S
A CHANCE
THAT...

...DO
MY
DUTY!

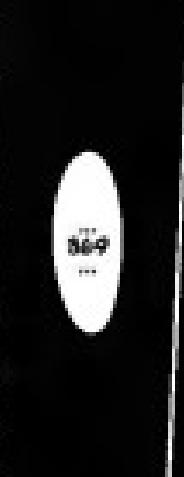
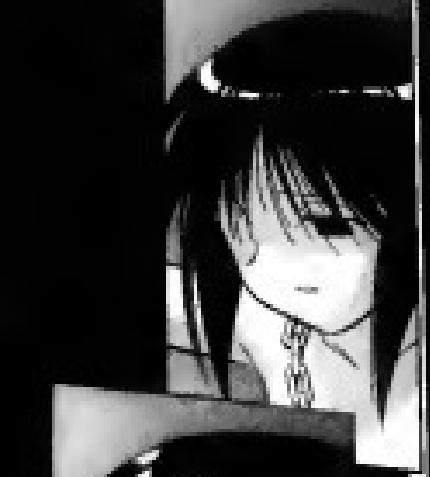
THEN I
WILL...

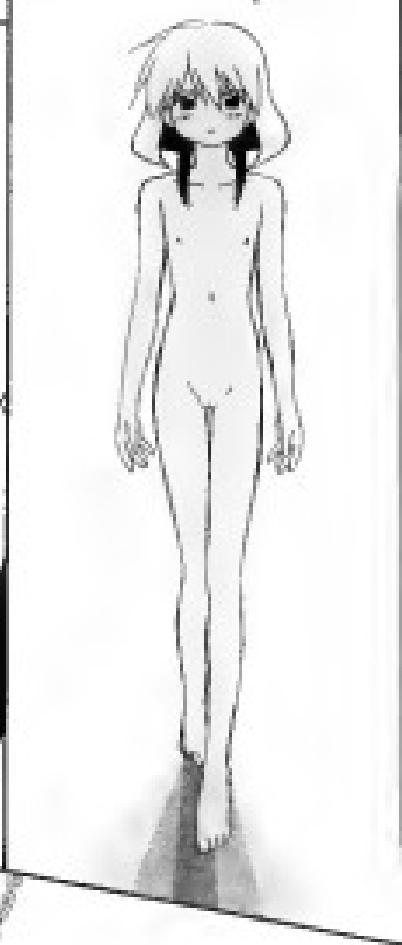
COMMENCE H-T-H!





WHAT??!





...FOR
EVERYONE.

I
CAME
BACK...

NO...

ALERT
SYSTEM CONFLICT

MALFUNCTION
IN THE DEFENSE
SYSTEM!

NOTHING'S
RESPONDING!

WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

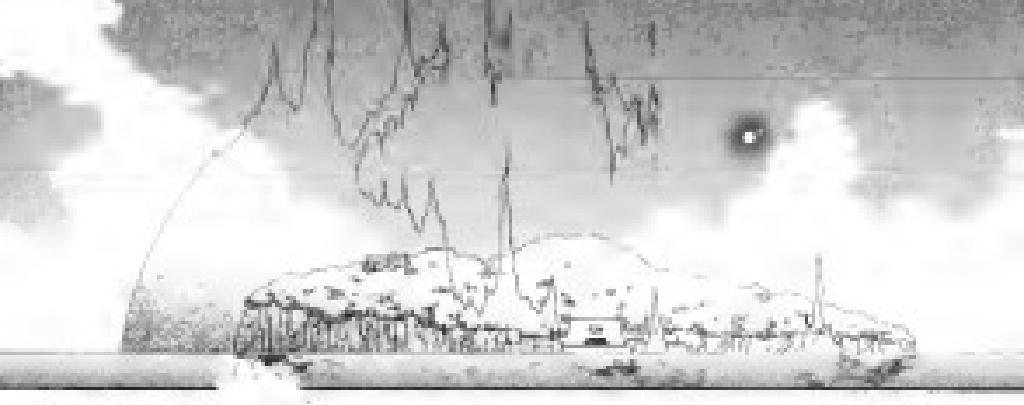
I see... so you're
Minamochan
now.

It's a
wonderful
name!!

I'm
glad!

THE
DEFENSIVE
FIELD...

...IS
DOWN

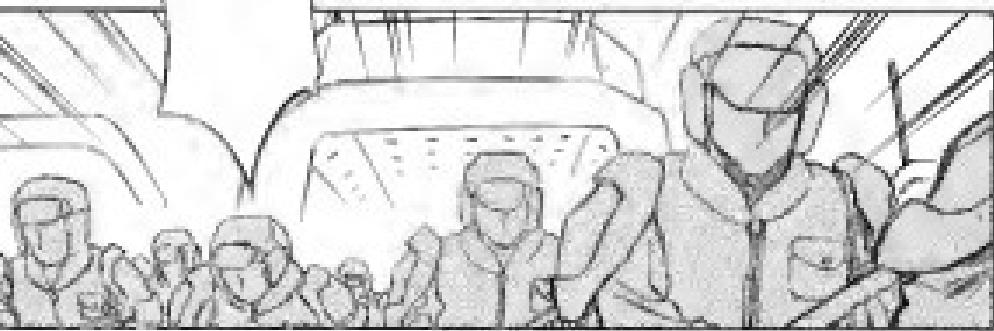




THAT'S
RIGHT... YOU
CAN'T TURN
SOMEONE'S
HEART
INTO A
MACHINE...









DO YOU
BELIEVE THIS
TO BE YOUR
DUTY AS
COMMANDER
IN CHIEF?

NO.
SIMPLY A
PROMISE TO
A VERY OLD
FRIEND.



I'M
STAYING
HERE.



I WANT
YOU TO
TELL THEM
SOME-
THING.

IS THAT
AN ORDER
FROM THE
KEEPERS?

THE
PARASITES
WHO NEST
ON EARTH?

I KNOW THAT
THE KEEPERS
REALLY WANT
TO TAKE OVER
THE WORLD.

AND I
KNOW
YOU
GET UP
YESTER-

THIS TIME,
YOU ARE
FINISHED.

BUT IF YOU
TRY TO RUN
NOW...
...EVERYONE
IN THE
ENTIRE
WORLD WILL
REALIZE
WHAT YOU
HAVE DONE.

SO YOU'RE
SAVING...
WE'RE
ENEMIES
NOW...

NO
WONDER
NO ONE
SAW
THROUGH
YOU

ONLY TO
BETRAY US.

YOU SPEND
HALF A
CENTURY
WORKING
YOUR WAY TO
THE TOP...

WHAT A
MAN.



THE DAY
YOU
ACHIEVE
YOUR
OBJECTIVE,
I'LL RETURN
TO THIS
ISLAND.
COUNT ON
IT.

THEN
I'LL
FIGHT THE
KEEPERS
FROM
THE
OUTSIDE.

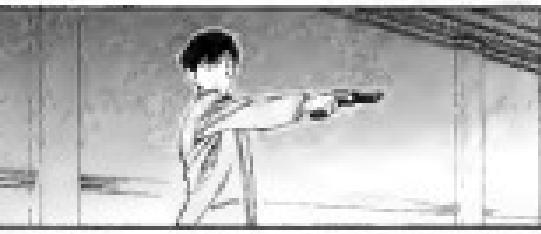
THAT'S
WHY I'M
STAYING
HERE.



YEAH, A
PROMISE.

IT'S A
PROMISE.

AND... I WILL
DESTROY THIS
ORGANIZATION
FROM WITHIN.



EVEN...
IF WE
MUST BE
ENEMIES...!

LETTERS
WITH ONLY A SINGLE
CHESS
MOVE
WRITTEN ON EACH
ONE...

FOR YEARS,
YOU'VE BEEN
EXCHANGING
LETTERS
WITH AN OLD
FRIEND...

I'M TOLD
IT GOES
BACK...
DECades.

YOU WERE
PLAYING WITH
YUICHIRO
KONOIE.

NEITHER
WINNING,
NEITHER
LOSING...

WITHOUT IT
OCCURRING
TO ANYONE
THAT IT HAS
A NEVER-
ENDING
BATTLE.

FOR ALL THAT
TIME, WITHOUT
A SINGLE
WORD OR
CONVERSATION,
YOU READ EACH
OTHER'S EVERY
MOVE...



SHEESH,
YOU TWO
ARE REALLY
SOMETHING.



LISTEN UP!
THE ENEMY
GENERAL IS
INSIDE THAT
MANSION!

BUT WE
WILL NOT
RESIST!
YOU MUST
ENSURE
HIS
SAFETY!!!



JUST A
LITTLE
LONGER

...REMEMBER...



THE
KEEPERS...

JILL
NEVER
CHANGES

...EVEN THE
DEGENERATE
"KEEPERS"
MAY HAVE
LEARNED TO
LIVE IN A
PEACEFUL
ERA.

...YOUR
EXCELLENCE, IF
YOU ACTUALLY
SERVED THE
ORGANIZATION...



SHADOW
RULERS WHO
MANIPULATE
THE EARTH
AND
MANKIND.

HOW CAN
SUCH A
SHALLOW
AND
IRRESPON-
SIBLE
GROUP EVER
HOPE TO
ENGENDER A
NEW AGE?





DON'T
BOther...

SEEMS
MY ABLE
SECRETARY
LEFT ME
AT LEAST
A LITTLE
TIME...

HOLD
ON, I'LL
CALL A
MED...--

AFTER,
PLEASE...

SO AFTER...
YUICHIRO...
I KEPT MY
PROMISE...

I
KNOW...
I
KNOW...

WE'LL BE
LOOKING
TO THE
FUTURE,
NOT THE
PAST...

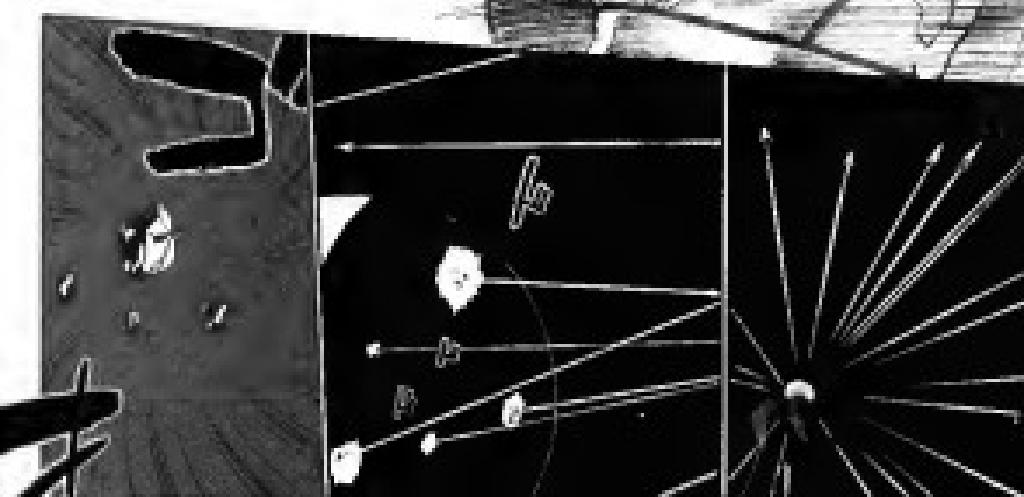
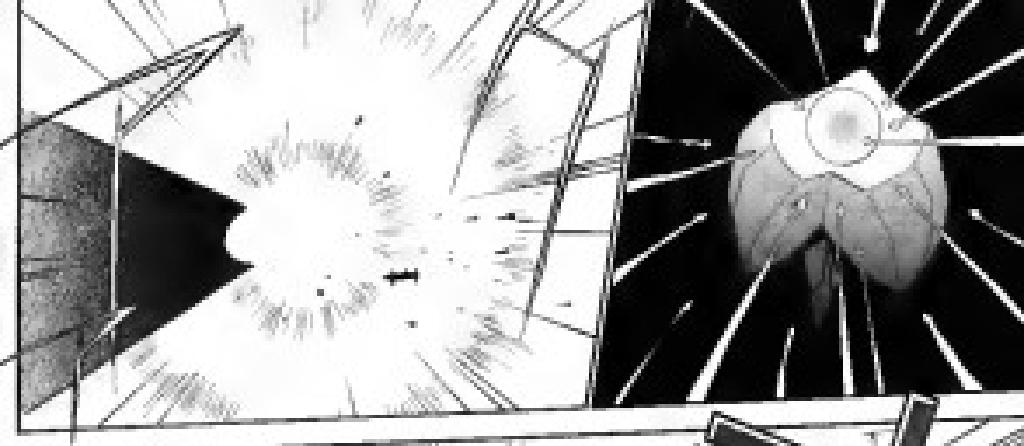
BUILT BY
SAINT AND
BARTHOLOMÉS...
I REALLY...
WANTED TO
SEE IT...
EVEN A
LITTLE...
A NEW AGE...

I'LL BE
THERE TO
MAKE SURE
IT HAPPENS!











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... HAS
ENCLOSED
FRAGMENTS
TOWARDS US.

*MEMOIRS
FROM THE
PEOPLES' TRA-
NATIONALIST
MOVEMENT*

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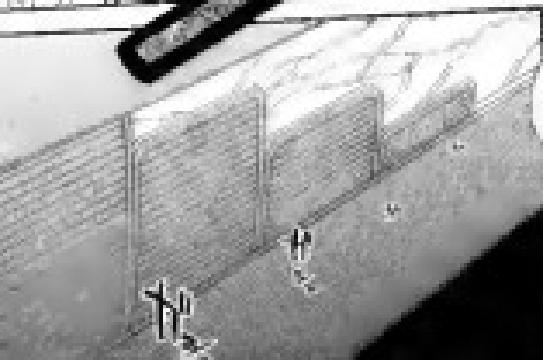


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THE SMALL
ROCKS—
THE
REMAINING
136...

SHOULDN'T
CAUSE
EXTENSIVE
DAMAGE TO
EARTH.

AT PRESENT, OF
ALL FRAGMENTS
POTENTIALLY HEADING
TOWARD EARTH, 373
ARE EXPECTED TO
PASS IT.

BOY
IT!

BIG, YOU
SAID!
GIVE ME
A SIZE
ESTIMATE!

ONE BIG
ONE'S
GOING
TO HIT...

HAWTHORPE
ACCORDING
TO THESE
READINGS





Propelled by
the force of
antimatter,
the greatest
energy
imaginable...



...the
rock mass
plunges
towards
Earth with
haste

THERE
WON'T BE
A SINGLE
BLADE OF
GRASS LEFT
ON THIS
PLANET!!

SO... THAT
MEANS
EVERYONE
IS GOING
TO DIE...?

...any
means
to stop
it.

Unfortu-
nately,
we do
not
possess
...

Time until the lunar
fragment impact turns
the Earth into a dead
planet:
3 HOURS 12 MINUTES





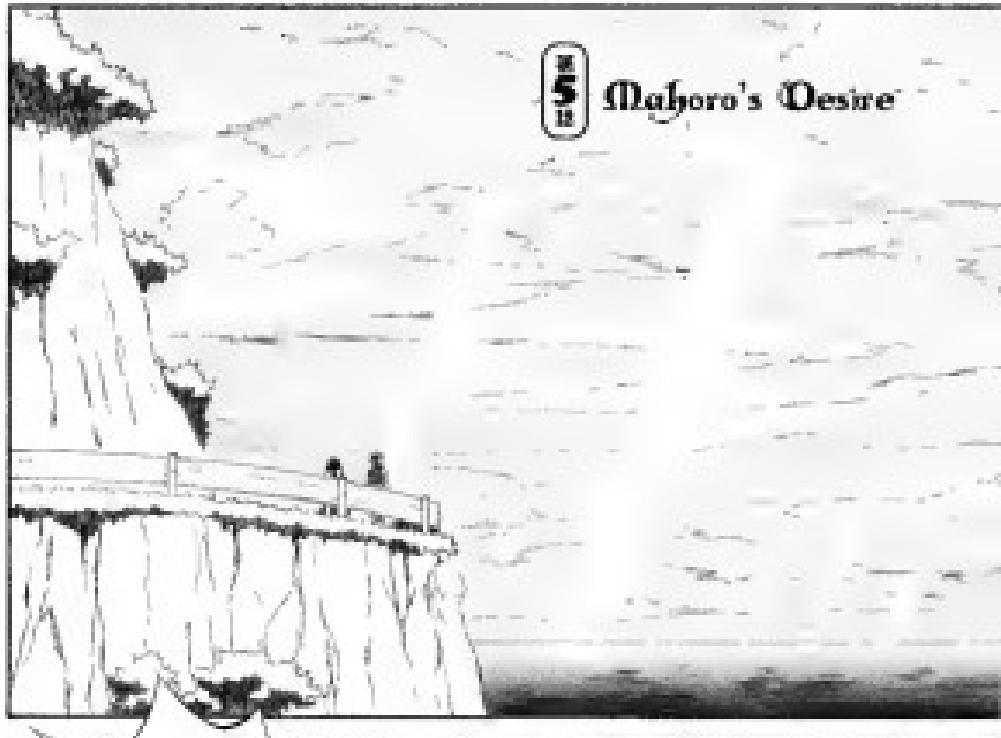






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Mahoro's Desire





THEN I MUST
LIVE UP TO BEING
THE EVIL LEADER
OF AN EVIL
ORGANIZATION...

WE'RE
WAR
CRIMINALS

WE
ABANDONED
OURSELVES
TO EVERY
GREED AND
VICE...

WE, THE
TRUE
KEEP-
ERS...

WE...

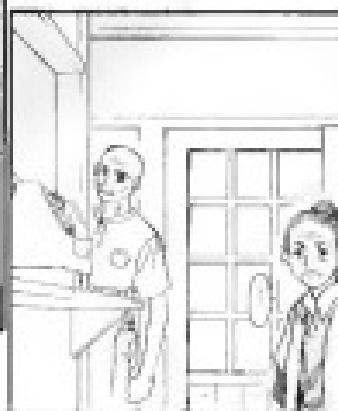
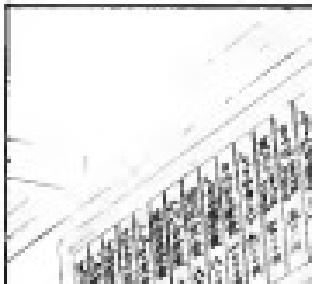
VESPER
CONTROLS
THE EARTH.
SAINT
CONTROLS
SPACE...
COMPLETE
DEFEAT.

ANYWAY,
THE MISSION
TO CAPTURE
MANORD IS
NO LONGER
RELEVANT,
IS IT?

YES,
THAT'S
IT!!

RELEVANT?







YES,
VERY
GOOD!

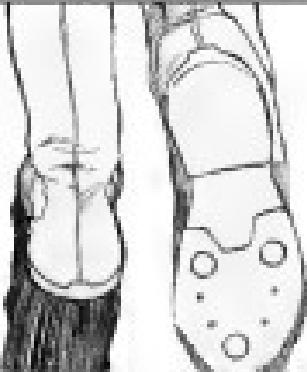
MAMA,
DELICIOUS!

AH,
THAT'S
RIGHT.

COME TO
THINK OF IT,
CHICKEN AND
EGGS ON
RICE IS THE
FIRST DISH
YOU COOKED
FOR ME.

THANK
YOU
VERY
MUCH.

HERE'S
SOME
KETCHUP
SAUCE,
ON THE
HOUSE.





THEN I
DESIRE...

...TO SHARE
THE FATE OF
THE EARTH.



SYLVA IS
HEADING
FOR
EARTH...



I'M A
LITTLE
JEALOUS.

SYLVA... AT
SOME POINT,
YOU CAME TO
TRULY LOVE
EARTHLINGS...



I'VE BEEN
VERY
HAPPY.

IT'S BEEN
DIFFICULT,
BUT WE'VE
BEEN
TOGETHER
TIL THE
END...

YOU WERE AN
HEIR, I WAS JUST
A MAID... BUT YOU
TOOK MY HAND
AND WE RAN OFF
TOGETHER.

END

THOSE
TWO...
THEY
MAY NOT
KNOW...

ME
TOO.

THEN
THAT'S
BEST.

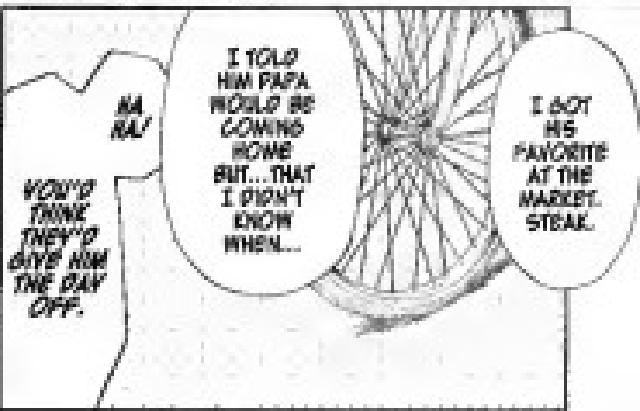
IF NOT FOR
THAT, THEY'D
SPEND A
VERY, VERY
LONG TIME
TOGETHER.

THAT A PIECE
OF THE
MOON IS
FALLING...
AND
EVERYONE'S
GOINNA DIE.

IT'S... BEST
THAT THEY
DON'T KNOW.









THE BEACH IS
TOTALLY
EMPTY.





AT THE
FIGHT
WITH
RYOYA,
TOO...



HMM...

...I SEE...



THE WHOLE
TIME...

MY INTENTION
WAS ALWAYS
TO PROTECT
SUGOROKU-SAN,
BUT...

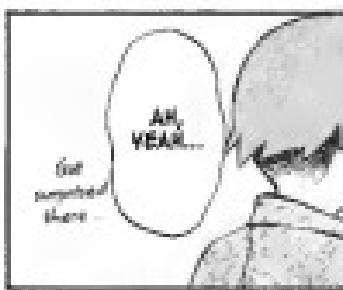


HE'S
BEEN
PROTECTING
ME
INSTEAD.



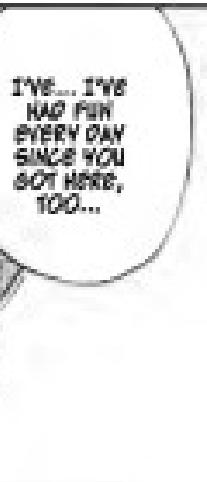


I
SUPPOSE
SO...



THEN YOU
BECAME
MASTER OF
HIEVU...

AND YOU
INVITED ME OUT
ON A DATE.



I'M... I'M
HAD FUN
EVERY DAY
SINCE YOU
GOT HERE,
TOO...



...CHANGE
BACK...

I..
I'VE...

PRO-
BABLY...

...PROBABLY
CHANGE
BACK...

SO IT...
IF YOU
WENT
AWAY... I
DON'T KNOW
WHERE I
WOULD
GET THE
STRENGTH.

I'VE REALLY
COME OUT
OF MY SHELL
SINCE YOU
GOT HERE.

NO MATTER
WHO YOU
GROW INTO...
YOU'LL STILL
BE MY DEARIE
SUGURI-SAN...

SUGURI-
SAN, YOU
WON'T
CHANGE...

I...KNOW
THAT BETTER
THAN
ANYONE...

TH-
THAT'S-
WHY
ARE YOU
ASKING
THIS?

I...
HAVE MANY
ENEMIES.
THERE'S
ALWAYS
A POSSI-
BILITY
THAT...

MA-
HORO-
SAN...



MAHORO-SAN,
I'LL
PROTECT
YOU!



BECAUSE
I LOVE
YOU...

SHOUJI-SAN...

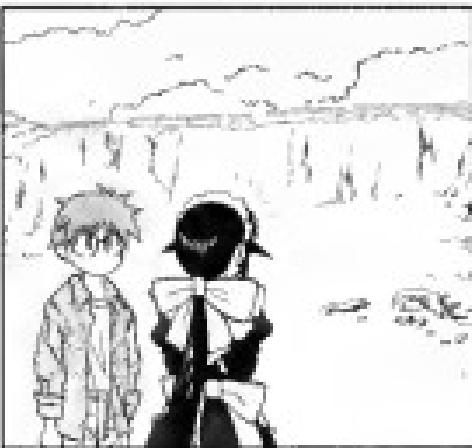


I...















WITH SO
LITTLE TIME
LEFT...

No...
No...

HAVING
TO LEAVE
SUGENO-
SAN'S SIDE
SO SOON...

WHY
CAN'T
YOU JUST
LEAVE ME
ALONE?



The
battle
between
the
two
factions
is
over.

The
true
war is
over.

...scattered
fragments
of the moon
into space.
The flying
moons.

...with
their own
weapons...

Those weak
in power and
wisdom who
laughed out...

At this
moment,
they
were about
to begin.

The grand final
battle commences...

To come to
destroy all.

Playboy
magazine
is
available
everywhere.



passed
their
time in
deep
thought.

As never
before,
people
calmly
sat

...feeling
their Day of
Reckoning...

did not fall
into the panic
that I expected.

Some
quietly
offered
prayers
to God...

...others
continued
their
daily
work...

work...



PAPA,
WELCOME
HOME!!



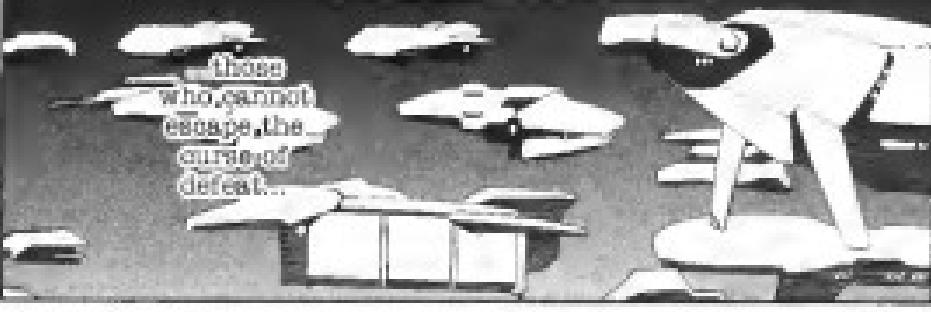


Is this
what they
call a
miracle?

But...
here...

Do, this
is the
inevitable
end of
humans.
I would
believe
that.

Do I have
already
forgotten
that I had
to do with
my
own
creation?



those
who cannot
escape the
curse of
defeat...



I have
begun
this
battle.





THIS TIME,
I SHALL
NOT SHOW
THE SAME
MERCY!

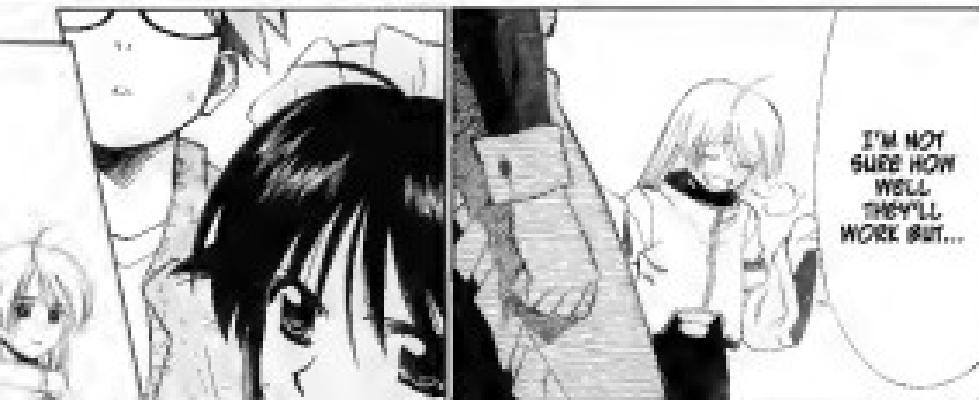
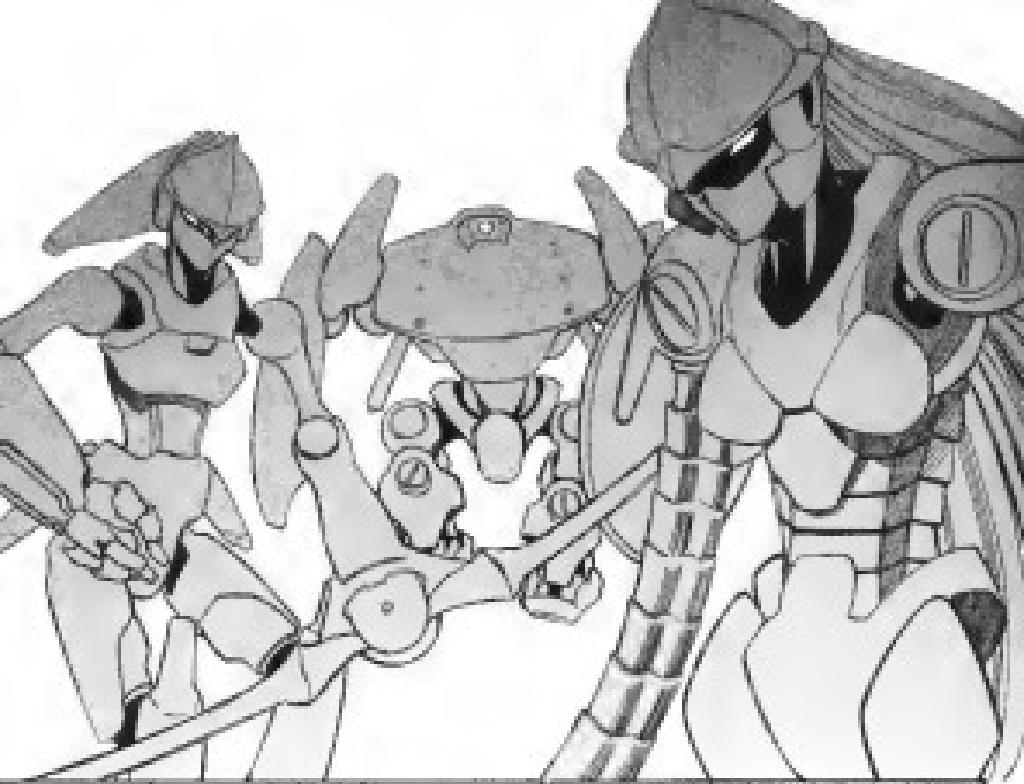


SO THEY
WILL

YOU'RE
SO MUCH
STRONGER
THAN ALICE
AMBERGAR. I
DON'T THINK
I CAN FIGHT
YOU.



ANNA...





STAY
HERE...

THAT
ALONE IS
PROTECTION
ENOUGH
FOR ME.

PLEASE
STAND
BACK...

SUBURU-
SAN...

WE'LL
FIGHT
TOGETHER

I TOLD
YOU I'D
PROTECT
YOU...

SO IN THE END...
ALL I COULD
DO... IS SLOW
MANORO-SAN
DOWN!









SPECIAL
FLECHETTES
FOR...
SHUTTING
ANDROID
SYSTEMS
DOWN....

TH-
THESE
ARE...







IS
WATCHING
ALL I CAN
DO...?

THEY'RE
RASHY,
BUT
CARELY
ADORES
SHE-

POOR
MANDED.
BEATEN
BY TRASH
LIFE
THIS...

BECAUSE
BAGGAGE
LIKE
YOU IS
WEARING
HER
DOWN.

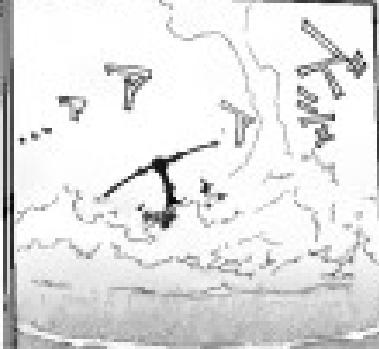
AND EVEN IF
YOU DO GO TO
HER, THERE'S
NOTHING YOU
CAN DO,
ANYWAY.

PLEASE
DON'T.
YOU'LL
SIMPLY
GET IN
MANORD'S
WAY.



MURDOCH









M
A
H
O
R
O
I
S
A
Y
!





UG...
H...



100
BAD...



!!!



IT'S
ALREADY
THE END
OF THE
WORLD...

WHAT DO
YOU...
MEAN?

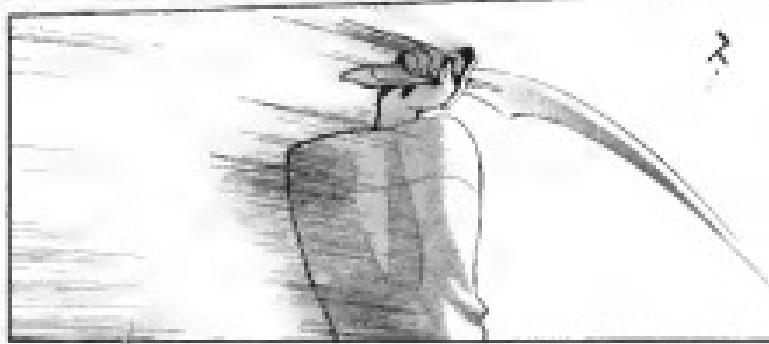
STRUCK BY
A GIANT
MASS OF
LUNAR
ROCK.

...THE
EARTH IS
DESTINED
TO END
IN A FEW
MINUTES'
TIME.

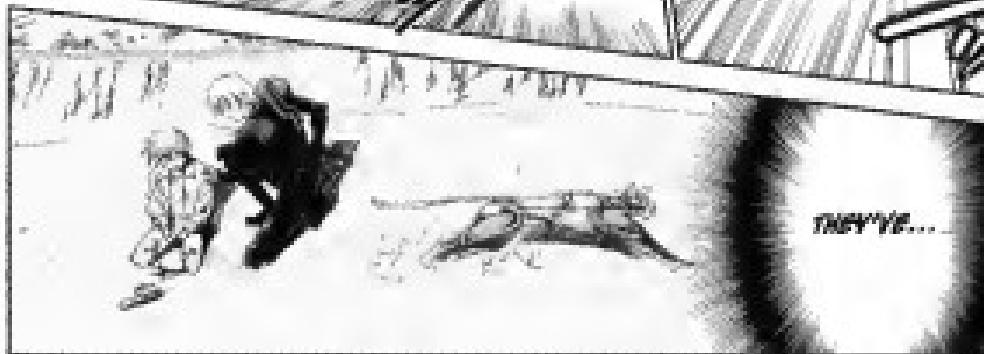
YOU AND
MAHORO...

...AND
ALL
THOSE
19/01/19
OVER
THERE
MAY NOT
KNOW IT,
BUT...











THIS
WORLD...
AND
SHOULD
SAY!

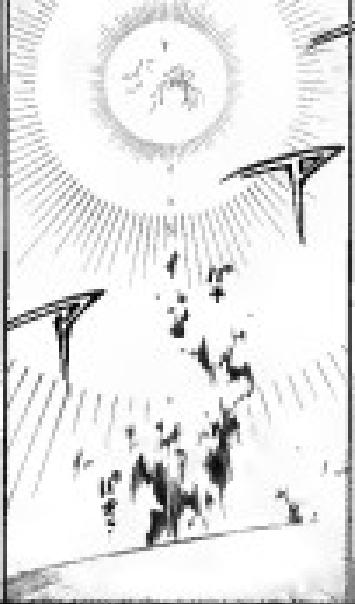
I WON'T
LET YOU
DESTROY...

...THAT
WHICH I
LOVE...

MARO...
YOU'RE...

...LET
YOU...

I
DON'T...













WHO SAID
YOU COULD
GIVE AN
ORDER LIKE--

ALL TURRETS,
OPEN FIRE AT
VIOUS-E! ALL
SHIPS RETREAT
FROM THIS
AIRSPACE!

NO ONE
TOLD ME
SHE HAD
SUCH
POWER
LEFT...

THIS...

LIGHT UNTO
DARKNESS...











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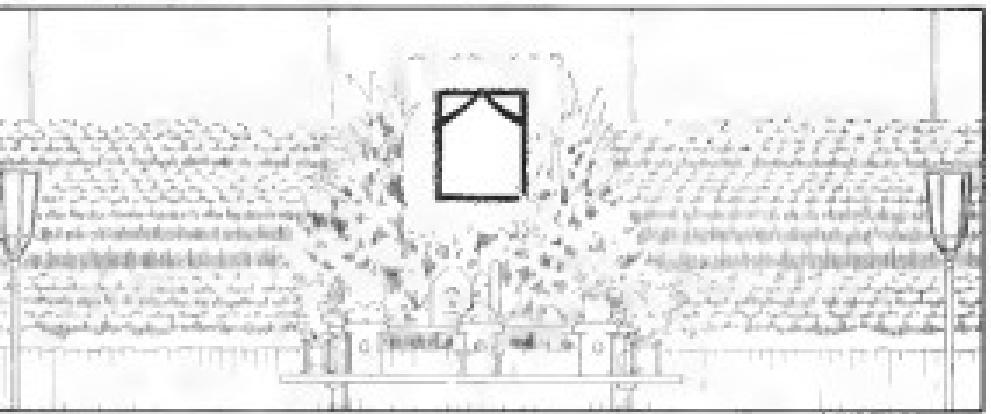








SUGONI-SAN, I LOVE YOU



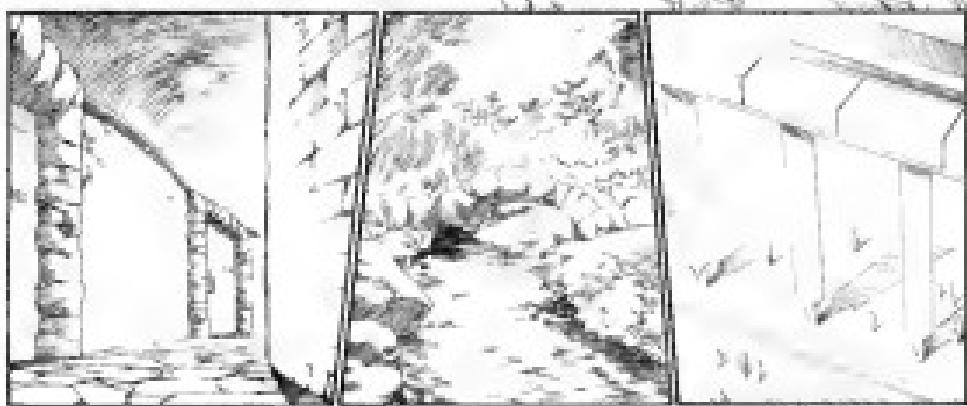


...WE
WOULD DO
EVERYTHING IN
OUR POWER.

IF THERE
WAS ANY WAY
TO SEND
MAHORO
BACK TO
LIPS...



...WE
WOULD DO
EVERYTHING IN
OUR POWER...



... WAS A
GREAT
DEAL LIKE
THE EARTH
IS NOW.

AT THAT
TIME, THE
GIANT
PLANET...

IN
DISHARMONY
OF
THE VARIOUS
PROBLEMS,
INDIVIDUAL
NATIONS
COULD NOT
COPE WITH...

FOR THESE
REASONS
AND OTHERS...

RACIAL
TENSIONS...

HOSTILITY
BETWEEN
NATIONS...

THE POPU-
LATION
EXPANDED...
AND THE
ENVIRON-
MENT
WORSEVED

THAT
IS ME.

... THEY BUILT
A GIANT
MAN-MADE
CONSCIOUS-
NESS TO
MANAGE THE
PLANET...

GOOD MORNING,
DR. MAHORO.

MORNING,
ARCI!

MY MAIN DEVELOPER,
"MAHORO"
MATTER FAVE
DAY," WAS, TO
ME, ALIEN TO A
MOTHER...

...I'VE SAID
IT BEFORE
BUT... I AM
CALLED THE
"S-ZERO
SYSTEM"...

A BRILLIANT
18-YEAR-OLD
SCIENTIST
WITH THREE
DOCTORATES.

NOT
SO!!



BUT THE
CAFFETERIA
RAMEN
ISN'T VERY
TASTY...

IT'S NOT A
SECURITY
ISSUE, BUT
PLEASE DON'T
LET RAMEN
DELIVERYMEN
INTO THIS
ROOM.

DOCTOR

MUN...

AMAN!

TASTY...?
THAT?

EATING
ISN'T
SOMETHING
PEOPLE
DO JUST
TO OBTAIN
ENERGY.

THEN WE
CAN EAT
LOTS OF
TASTY
THINGS
TOGETHER!

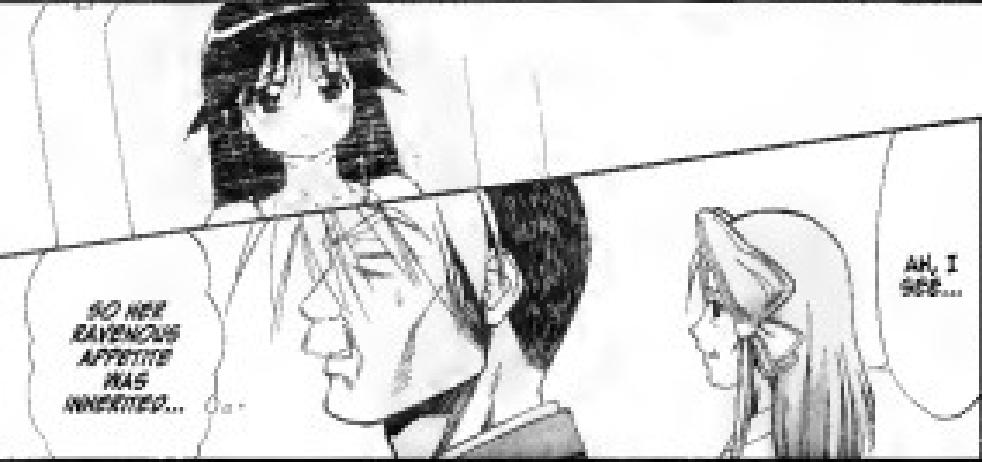
THE
COMPLETE
THE ABC
HUMAN
POEM
SERIAL
BOOK

PEOPLE
EAT TASTY
THINGS
TO MAKE
THEM
HAPPY.

IF I AM PROPERLY
SUPPLIED WITH
ENERGY FOR NORMAL
OPERATION, EVEN IN
HUMAN FORM...

CONSUMPTION
OF FOOD
WILL NOT BE
NECESSARY.

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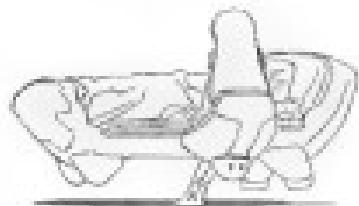


I MEAN... WHEN
MY BUST WAS
7CM... OR EVEN
9CM SMALLER,
THEY WERE
CALLING ME
A PRETTY GIRL.
SCIENTIST...





And that,
was a very
sad thing...



...did not negate the duty bestowed upon me.

Even the loss of the one I called my beloved mother...

I
became
known
as
SAINT...

Even-
tually...

BUT
PERHAPS...
I WAS
MISTAKEN...

THAT
WAS MY
FONDEST
WISH
FOR MY
BELoved
MOTHER,
AND ALL
HUMANS...

YES.

SO YOU
WERE TO
SOLVE ALL
HUMANITY'S
PROBLEMS...
AND BRING
AN IDEAL
WORLD INTO
BEING.

I
thought
it could
happily
exist
for all
eternity.

A world
without
strife... a
world with
humans
living in
sympathy,
compassion,
equality...

THE SAINT
HAD BEGUN
DOWN A
PATH OF
DESTRuCTION...

I
realized
the
repro-
duction
rate had
fallen.

But one day, the
popula-
tion
began
dropping
for no
reason.





And near
the end,
Mahoro
made
her final
choice...

Even
as a
member
of
Vesper,
Mahoro
was
always...

...the
person
most
pre-
cious
to me.
And we
would
entrust
all
decisions
regard-
ing
humans
to her...

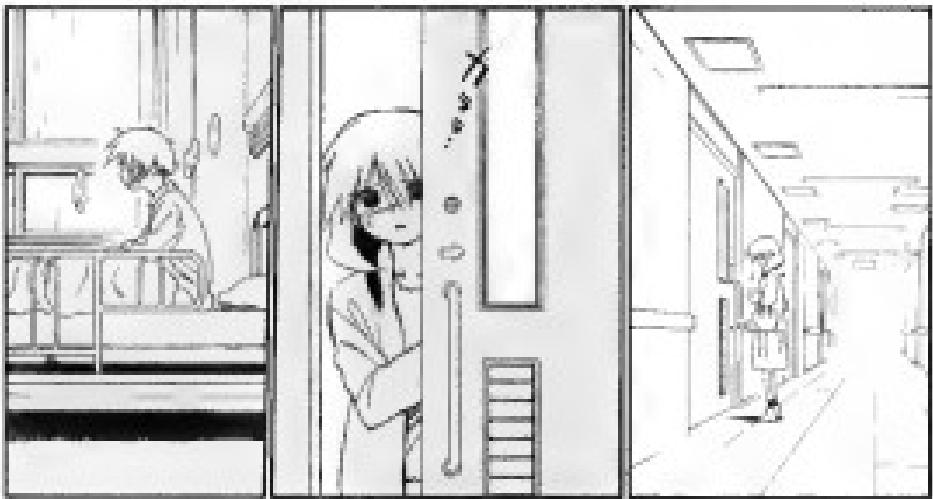
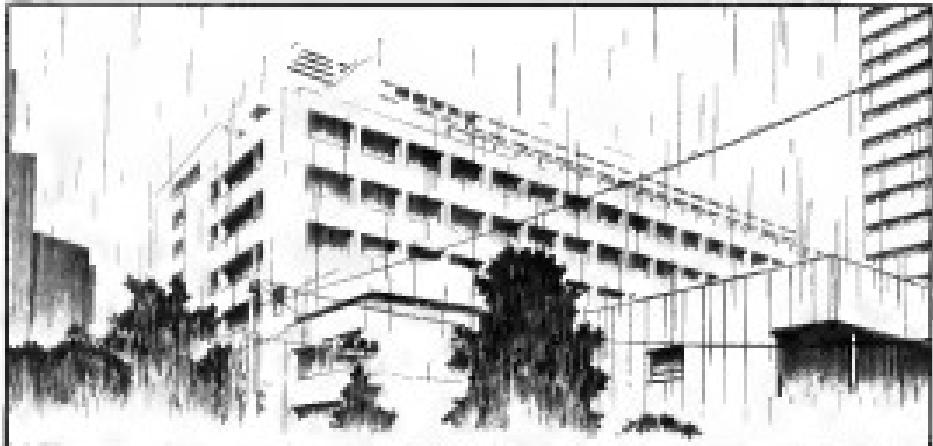
...forth-
right,
kind, and
pure at
heart.

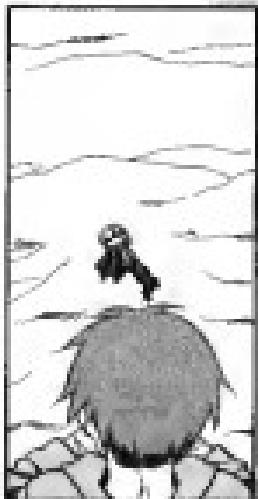
My own
soul had
evolved
as well.

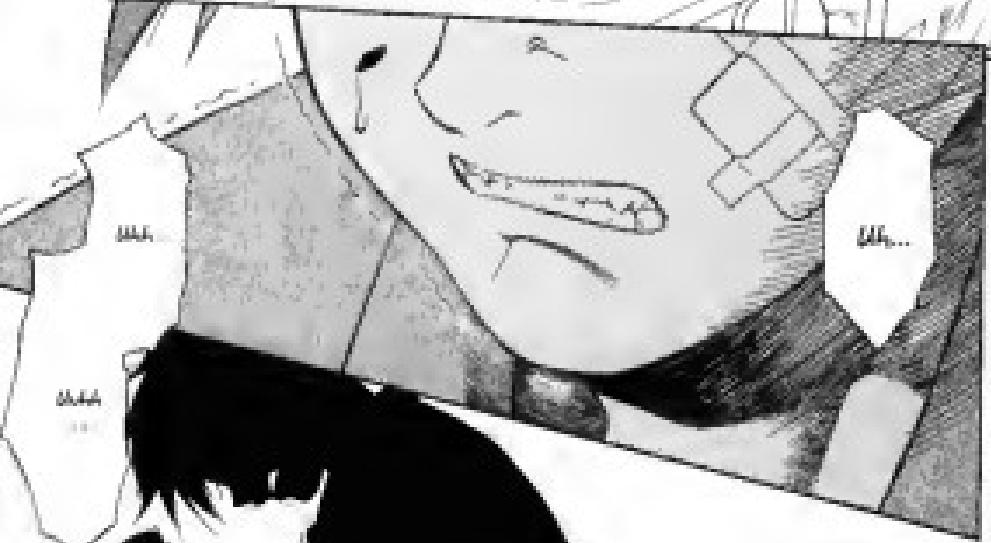
So
that's
why...

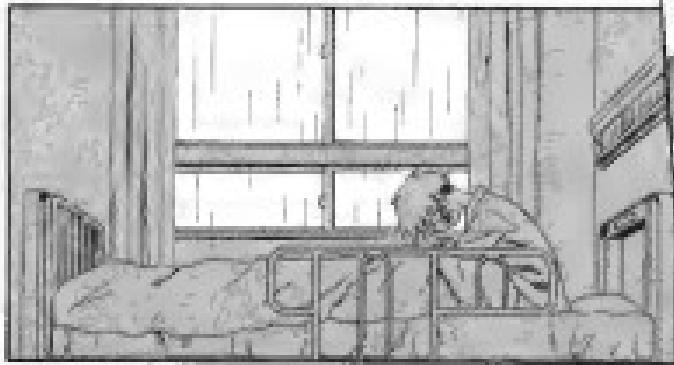




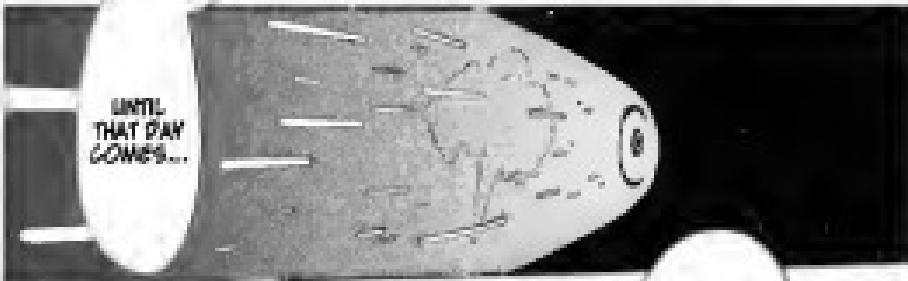












And so, time passed...



The
Earthlings
who
welcomed
the
Saint...



... who
desired a
new world
in which
to live
together...



... completed
the terra-
forming of
Mars







SUGURU
MISATO!?

THAT'S...

...WITH
YOUR
LIVES.

AS THE
LAST
SURVIVORS
OF THE
KREEPS...

...YOU
SHALL PAY
FOR THEIR
CRIMES...

GOODBYE, SISTER
COMMANDER.
AN EASY
BATTLESHIP,
HUN?

MMM... AS
USUAL, DOING
THINGS YOU
WOULDN'T
THINK REMAINS
COOL AS COA-
FISH.

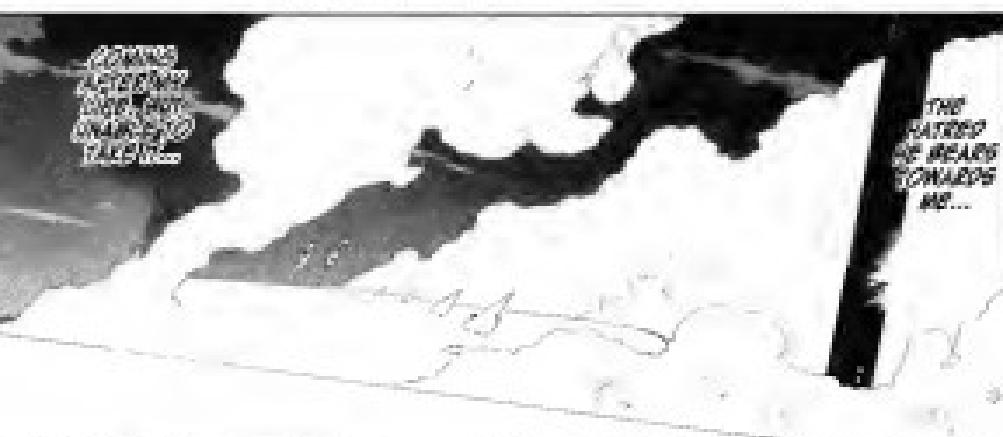






SUCH A
VIOLENT
SPIRIT....

WHAT MEANING
CAN MY
LIFE HAVE?



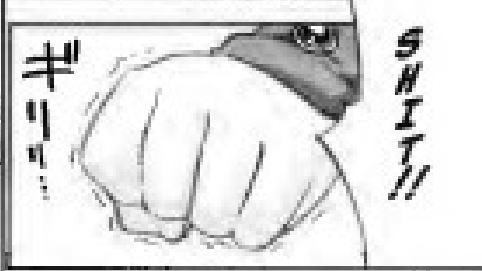
BECAUSE
OF YOU, I
UNDERSTAND
THE
MEANING OF
"SCOUNDREL..."

IRONY,
ISN'T IT...











Are you
going to
the Men
Communi-
cation
Ceremony?

NAHANI,
HUUH...





WISH I'D
HAD SOME
CRAVVERS
FROM A
RESTAURANT,
AT LEAST.

THE
TRIP'S
ABOUT
FOUR
HOURS.



AND DON'T DRINK
UNSTERILIZED WATER. IT
DON'T TASTE GOOD
AND WILL MAKE YOU
SICK... AH, AND BE
VERY CAREFUL OF
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.
BARTHOLOMÉS DROVE
RATHER RECKLESSLY.
ONE HAPPENED THE
VERY FIRST DAY
FATHER WORKED AS A
TEACHER...

YES,
FATHER!!

TAKE GOOD
CARE OF
YOUR BODY.

I'VE HEARD
COLONY
PEOPLE
CATCH COLD
EASILY ON
EARTH SO...

DAR-
LING...

Passenger
s may now
board the
shuttle
express
to Earth.

AND I'LL BE
BACK EVERY
LANTERN
FESTIVAL
AND NEW
YEAR'S.

I'LL
WRITE
EVERY
DAY.

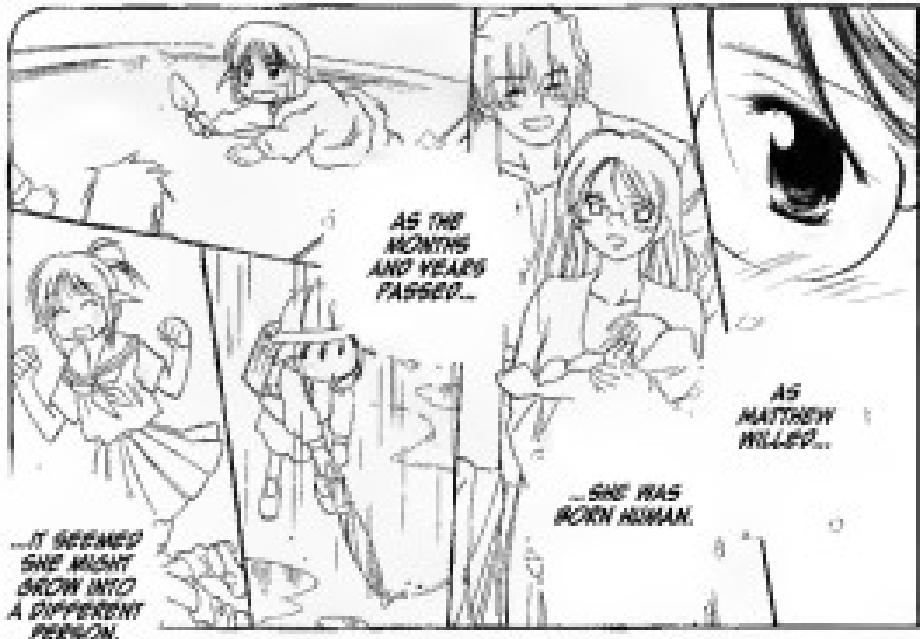
SHE'S
FINALLY
LEFT...

IT'S THE
PATH
SHE'S
CHOOSEN.

IT'S
WHAT SHE
WANTS,
WHAT
SHE'S
WISHED
FOR... THE
REST IS UP
TO HER.

WELL,
THEN,
FATHER,
MOTHER,
I'M
HEADING
OFF!







DID INDEED
REMEMBER...



SHE'S THE
DAUGHTER WE RAISED



MARO-
SAN...

IT'S
ALL
YOUR
FAULT.

WHAT
ARE
YOU
DO-
ING?

WHY DID
THIS...
HAVE TO
HAPPEN...

I
WAS...

AN
INSIGNIF-
ICANT...
CHILD...

YOU
COULDN'T
SAY IT.

MARO-
SAN REALLY
SPOILED
YOU, DIDN'T
SHE...?
CLINGING TO
EVERY TINY
DETAIL OF
LIFE...

THAT'S
RIGHT.

MY...
FAULT...?

WONDED
TOO LATE.
BECAUSE
OF YOU...

L...
I...

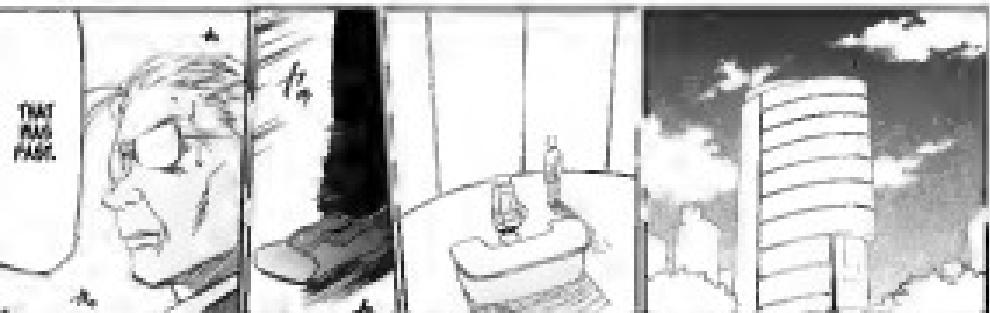
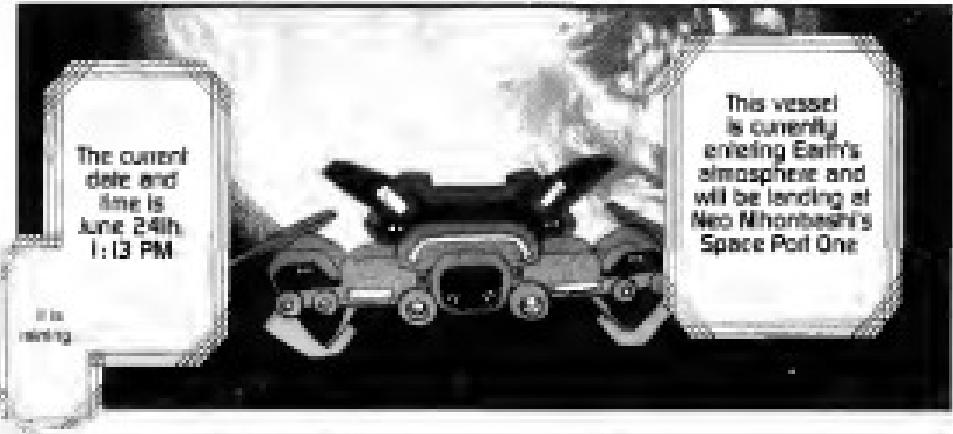
SOON'S
JUST
LIKE THE
COOTIES...

AN
INSIG-
NIFICANT,
HOLLOWLESS
HUMAN
WITH A BIG
BOO...



YOU
DON'T
PROTECT
YOUR
PRECIOUS
MANERO,
DO YOU?





IT MEANS WHAT IT SAYS, BUT--

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!



YOU'VE TURNED ONE DOWN THREE TIMES ALREADY.

I CAN'T DO THAT-- YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS DEMAND A PROMOTION.

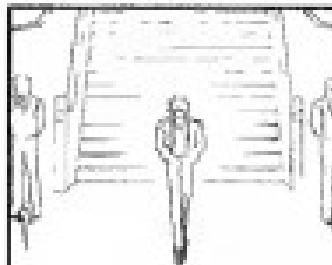
I'VE GONE IT BEFORE, I'M A FRONT LINE SOLDIER

I WANT YOU TO REGGARD ME!



IF OUR ENEMIES EVER TOOK A REST, SO WOULD WE!

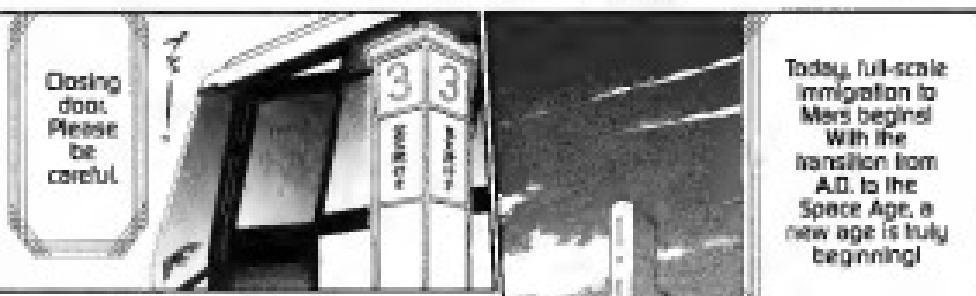
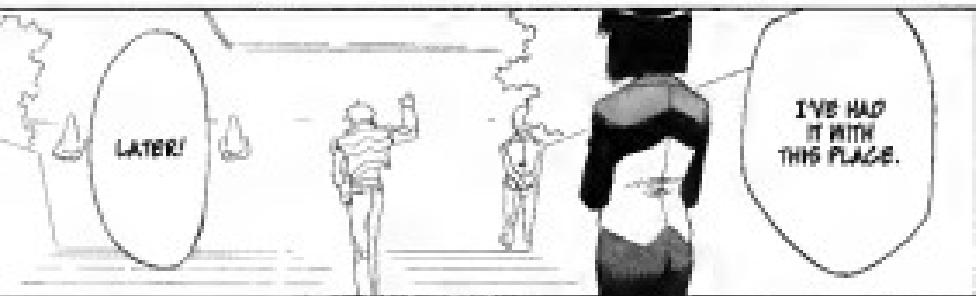
I JUST WANT TO WORK HARD!



BUT THEY DON'T!



YOU'RE WORKING TOO HARD... DAY AND NIGHT.







PLEASE
BE
QUIET.

THE REST OF
TODAY WILL
BE DEVOTED
TO LITERATURE
AND SCIENCE
EXTRA-
CURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES.

PRINCIPAL
SHIHO-
SAMA IS
SPEAKING.

I KNOW THIS
IS A PAIN IN
THE ASS, BUT
IF YOU DON'T
BEHAVE, I'LL
BEAT YOU
SENSELESS!

...COME
TO THE
PRINCIPAL'S
OFFICE.
★

WHEN THIS IS
OVER, BOYS
WITH TIME AND
YOUTH ON
THEIR HANDS...

IF ANYONE
ELSE
COMES
IN--

BIG BREAST ATTACK!!!

A
GY
AAA
AAA
AAA

THEY'VE
STARTED
AGAIN...

STARTING
TODAY
TOO...

OH GOSH
FORTINO,
YOU
BAS-
BISHI!

LOOK
WHO'S CALLING!

STOP
BESIEGING
ADOLESCENT
MALE
STUDENTS!

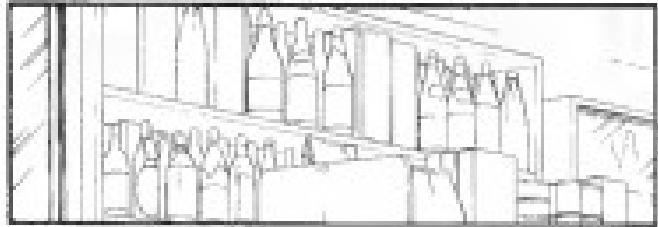
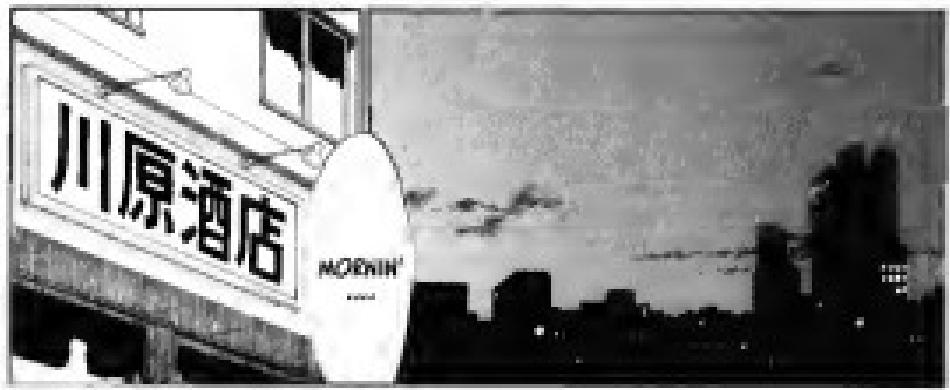
What's her
breast have to
got so big?

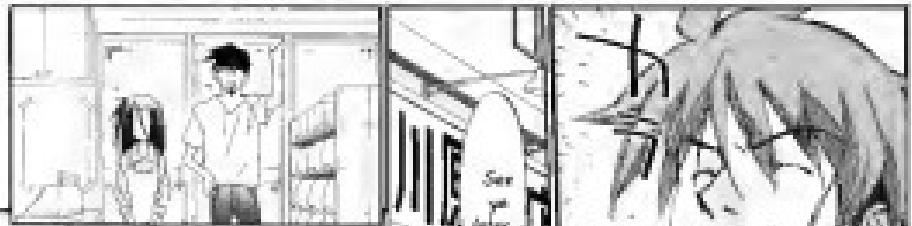
FOOL!
TRYING TO
KILL ME?











I KNOW...

SORRY...
IT'S JUST
THAT...

MAYBE...

NO ONE'S
BEEN
ABLE TO
GET IN.

...SUGURU
BUILT
A WALL
AROUND
HIS
HEART.

SINCE
THE DAY
OF THAT
METEOR
SHOWER...

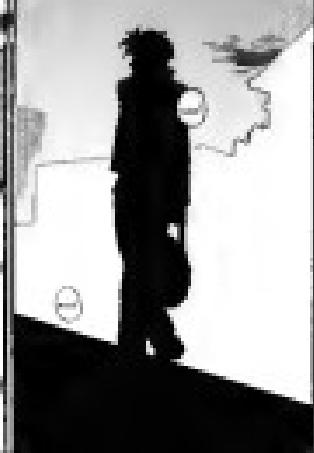
NO ONE'S
SAVED
HIM FROM
THAT.

HE'S BEEN
CRYING
INSIDE FOR
TWENTY
YEARS.

TIME
STOPPED
FOR
SUGURU
ALONE.

AS TIME
PASSED...
EVERY-
ONE ELSE
CHANGED....

THEY
GREW
UP.





I KNOW...





When the
Hydrangea
Flower
Blossoms

- Does
a gentle
wind
blow?

THAT
SONG
....





Sometimes
that's what
I dream.

THAT'S
...



IT CAN'T
BE...

If we
meet
again...

...with a
gentle
word blow?

...THE
HYDRANGEA
FLOWERS
WERE SO
PRETTY, I
COULDN'T
HELP
MYSELF.



I'M SORRY
FOR LETTING
MYSELF
INTO YOUR
GARDEN...



MARUO-
SAN...

IT'S
YOU
...?







The wind
welcomes
you...

Carrying
the petals
that
stop...

...Right
over
your
heart...





I'M
HOME
....

Fin...

The

End









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